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was perfect from seeing no final leaf to the
Aphorisms at the end. The book is perfect without
the Aphorisms, which, tho' added to this Copy,
I have not seen in any other.

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THE
PRISTER. IVBBVB
OR
THE ENGLISH
HVE AND CRIE.

BRIEFELY PURSUING
*the base conditions, and most notorious
offences of this vile, vain, and
wicked AGE.*

No lesse smarting then tickling.

A merriment whereby to make the wise to laugh,
and fooles to be angry.

By BARNABY RICH Gentleman, and Servant to the
Kings most excellent Majestie.

Mounted aloft vpon the worlds great stage.
I stand to note the follies of this Age.

Maluimus dñm dñm effe quam vocari.

L O N D O N,

Printed for John Marriot, and are to be sold at his shop at the
white Flower-de-luce neare Fetter-lane and in
Fleet-street. 1619.

GRANVILLE FIGHT

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symmetries

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ROCKS



TO THE RIGHT
HONOURABLE, SIR
OLIVER SAINT JOHN
Knight, Lord Deputy of
IRELAND.

Right Honourable,



Or want of a better cloake, wherby to shelter these endeauours of my vntutored pen, I haue borrowed an Irish mantle.

I might haue clad them in a more glorious garment, I confess that would haue made them more acceptable to the world,

which graceh men now adayes more for their outward shew, then for their inward vertue: but this habit wherin I haue now suted them, carrieth no shew of pride, and is fittest for them to trauell in, that hauing first in all reverent and dutifull manner presented themselves to your honourable view, and with like humblenesse againe besought your Lordships favourable passport, and then to wander through the world, where they shall meet with men of diuers dispositions, who seeing them come out of Ireland in this disguised manner, hoping to haere some strangenewes, may entertaine them for a time, and howsoeuer their expectation bee answered, may suffer them to passe, some in respect of policie

The Epistle Dedicatory.

some in respect of pittie, and some in respect of pietie.

The lines I send, are like flowers that be of sundry smells pleasing and displeasing, according to the diversity of mens complexions: if they offend any, I am sure they bee such as doe know themselues to bee faultie: perhaps they may displease some that are accounted to bee worldly wise, but not any one at all that is truly reputed to be godly wise: and in this cause I would not sticke with Marcus Cato, to stand to the censure of my most deprauer Titus Gracchus. I haue grasperd at abuse, yet under generalities, and haue aduentured at many matters, whereof some not altogether unne-cessary: Amongst some others that be more serious, I haue mixed measurable mirth. I haue beene somewhat curious with the Painter, to give every shape his perfect shadow: I haue presented all together to your honourable view, to the end that at your leisure they might serue you to laugh at; for others, if they finde themselues agreeued, let them lump and lowre. they shall but shew themselues to haue guilty con-
sciences.

If my ability were answerable to my good will, my ser-
uice to your Honour would stretch farre: In the meane
time, pleaseth it your Lordship to accept of his good intent,
that liueth to doe you what seruice hee may, and so will rest
while he draweth breath.

Dublin the 24. of June 1618.

Your Lordships in all humble
and dutifull affection,

BARNABY RICH.

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TO THE READER.



Entle-men, my custome is rather to lay mee downe to sleepe, then to sit idle: yet now to auoyd both, I haue betaken my selfe to my pen. And therfore if the matters that I write of, fall out to be but of a drowsie disposition, the wonder is not great. But hee that should keep a reckoning how hee spends his time, and would set downe an *Item* for thus many weekes, for thus many daies spent in idlenesse; and *Item* again, for thus many houres, for thus many minutes consumed in sleepe; the Arethmetician that should cast vp the account, should finde the totall summe amount to iust nothing. If these lines therefore prone to bee any thing, they are better then either sleep or idlenesse.

I haue meant them well; and I hope I shall not need with the Painter, that taking vpon him to picture forth the formes of sundry beasts, so vnperfectly performed them, that he was driuen to write over their heads, *This is a Lyon, this is an Elephant, this is an Unicorne*: but what I haue aimed at, I haue gone so neere the marke, that although not leuelling at any mans priuate person, yet so directly expressing the condition of the time, that there is none (I thinke) to contradict it.

But we are growne so wise and sharp-sighted in reading other mens writings; that those passages that are but meant and set downe in a generall manner, they will draw to such particular constructions, as the Au-

TO THE READER.

thour himselfe neuer so much as dreamt on.

They can poison euery mans labours with their looks, and of euery line they can make a libell. But thou that art not partiall in iudgement, nor doest, nor beare a guilty conscience, iudge of these but as thou findest them true. And so ~~farewell~~.

To the discreet Reader.

These harmelesse lines, that have none ill intent,
I hope shall passe in mirth as they were meant :
I bring no strained stuppe, that might induce
A cloaked shifte, or forge a coyn'd excuse.
What I intend, is but to make you sport,
By telling truth, to please the wiser sort :
Truth is the marke that I haue aim'd at heere ;
And I haue hit the white, and shot so neere,
That no deprauing tongue, nor wrangling sprite
Can wrest awry, what I haue forg'd so right.
For gald-backt Iades that stand in doubt and dread
Of being rubb'd, let them forbear to read.
I wish these lines to their approoued wits,
Where reason rules, and wit with iudgement sies :
Where vertue guides, and wisdome swayes the minde,
Let these read on, and censure as they finde.
And what it is that I haue aim'd at now,
The wise may iudge ; for fooles I care not how.

B. R.

I

THE IRISH HVBBVB; OR, The English Hue and Crie.



AT which in *England* we doe call the
Hue and Crie, in *Ireland*, they doe call
the *Hubhub*.

The intent of it was at the first, that
when any Rebels or Theeues came to
doe any robbery in the Countrey, they
should then raise the Crie (which they
call the *Hubhub*) therby to give notice
to the Inhabitants round about, that they might combine
and gather themselves together in a maine strength, either
to recover any prey that the theeues or Rebels had taken, or
at the least to make resistance in their owne defence, and as
much as in them did lie, to save the Countrey from any fur-
ther spoile.

This was the first institution of it, but they will now raise
the *Hubhub* vpon other sleight occasions. If a couple of
drunkards doe chance to fall together by the eares. If a man
being drunk, or howsoeuer otherwise distempered, doth for-
tune to strike his wife. If a Master or Mistreis do but beat a
servant that hath well deserued it, they will raise the *Hubhub*.

Of these Alarmes and Outcries, we haue sometimes three
or four in a weeke, and that in *Dublin* it selfe, among the
base and rascall sort of people, and as these *Hubbubs* are thus
raised in cases of anger and discontent, so they vse to giue the
Hubbubs

*The reason of
the Hubhub.*

The Irish Hubbub, or

Hab'ns againe in matters of sport and merriment. And there is not a people vnder the face of heauen, that will sooner deride and mocke at any thing that is not in vse and custome among themselues, then the Irish will doe.

And as the Irish are thus pleasantly conceited, to iest and to scoffe when they finde occasion, so they haue as great facilitie in weeping, as *Stanhurst* a famous man amongst them, for his excellent learning; for first he was a Chonicler, then a Poet, and after that he professed Alchymic, and now he is become a massing Pricell. This *Stanhurst* in his historie of *Ireland*, maketh this report of his Countrey-men: They follow the dead corps to the ground, with howling and barbarous out-cries, pittifull in appearance, whereof (as he supposeth) grew this Prouerb, *To weep Irish*.

The prouerb of weeping Irish.

My selfe am partly of his opinion, that (indeed) *to weepe Irish*, is to weepe at pleasure, without either cause or grecce, when it is an vsuall matter amongst them, vpon the buriall of their dead, to hire a company of women, that for some small recompence giuen them, they will follow the corps, and furnish out the cry (as Master *Stanhurst* hath said) with such howling and barbarous outcries, that hee that should but heare them, and did not know the ceremony, would rather thinke they did sing then weepe. Such a brutish kinde of lamentation, as in the iudgement of any man that should but heare, and did not know their custome, would thinke it to bee some prodigious presagement, prognosticating some vnluckie or ill successe, as they vsed to attribute to the howling of doggs, to the croaking of Rauens, and the shrieking of Owles, fitter for Infidels and Barbarians, then to bee in vse and custome among Christians.

And yet in *Dublin* it selfe, there is not a corps carried to the buriall, which is not followed with this kinde of mourners, which you shall heare by their howling and their hollowing, but neuer see them to shed any teares. And from hence I thinke indeed ariseth the prouerb, *to weepe Irish*. So that it appeares, how the *Irish* haue wit and discretion, both to weepe when they list, and to laugh at their pleasure. And I am glad of it: for I will make a little bold to borrow some

of their agilitie; yet not to weepe without a cause, for that were right to weepe *Irish*; but to laugh, and to give the *Hub-bub*, when I see a cause, and neither to forbear *Irish* nor *English*. For we daily see the pride, the drunkennesse, the swearing, the bawdery, the bribery, the popery, all the most lewd and idle vices: the beastly and diuellish fashions the one deth vse; the other doth imitate; wherefore then should I not let them see themselves, and their abominations, that so they may amend. If not, yet to let the honest plaine men view their follies, that so he may laugh at their fooleries. Doth not this deserue the *Hub-bub* to see vgly vice doth beare the name of seemely vertue, and drunkennesse reputed good fellowship, murther called manhood, lechery named honest loue, impudency good audacie, pride they call decency, and wretched misery they call good husbandry, hypocrisie they call sinceritie, and flattery doth beare the name of eloquence, truth and veritie, and that which in former ages was called flat knauery, passeth by the name of wit and policie. If I should weepe for any thing, it should bee for some madde conceited greefe: Like the woman, that when her Husband was hanged on the fore-noone, shee fell a weeeping in the after-noone, and did lament with such vehement shewes of sorrow, that her neighbours comming about her, began to exhort her to patience, telling her that shee was not the first woman that had had a Husband hanged, and although the manner of his death was somewhat disgracefull to the world, yet they wisht her to play a wise womans part, and not to take such greefe whereby to hurt her selfe for that which could not now be holpen: True, true indeed, answered this sorrowfull woman, it cannot now be holpen, and I would be loath to hurt my selfe by playing too much the foole; neither doe I take this greefe *for that my Husband was hanged, but for that he was not hanged in a cleane shirt: if his linnen had bin cleanly about him, his hanging would never haue greeued me.

But me thinks if our women in this age were but halfe so kinde to their husbands as this poore woman shewed her selfe to be, that woman might weepe with great greefe and

* The old Proverbe.
It is no more fit-
ty to see a wo-
man weep, then
to see a Goose
goe bare-foot.

anguish, that had not her husband hanged, and not onely in a cleane shirt on his backe, but likewise with a yellow starcht band about his necke. For yellow bands are become so common, to euery young giddy-headed Gailant, and light heeld Mistrelle, that me thinks a man should not hardly be hanged without a yellow band, a fashion so much in vse with the vaine fantastick fooles of this age, for I neuer see, or heard a wise man that did vse this base and lewd fashion.

The lamentable teares of *Heraclius*, bemoaning the vanities of his time, were now out of season, who would regard them? I thinke it therefore better to laugh with *Democritus*; for a little mirth (they say) is worth a great deale of sorrow. But I thinke there be some will be angry if they be laughed at; and howsoeuer they incline themselves to follow the fooles fashion, yet they will not be mockt. But I will come ouer these fellowes with a prouerbe that many yeeres agoe I brought out of *France*, and thus followes the text: *He that will make himselfe a sheepe, it is no matter though the Wolnes doe eat him: and why should it not likewise follow, He that will make himselfe a foole, it is no matter who laughs at him.*

I cannot thinke that since the first creation the world euer afforded so many monsters of men, nor so few modest women, as at this present age. And he that writes with an upright conscience, must not flatter: and hee that doth behold the deformed vanities that are euery day hatched vp, and brought to be in fashion, both in the Court, Citie, and Countrey, as well in *England* as *Ireland*, cannot chuse but laugh. Now if any one be angry at my plaine speeches, I know he wants either wit or honestie, and then it shall but augment my sport, and make mee to laugh the faster: for I am sure there is no man that is not an enemy to his owne discretion, but will thinke I haue spoken truth; and there is no good man but will approue what is iust: for fooles I care not.

Now for women, I know there be a number as well of old as young, that are both wise and vertuous, that knowing themselves to be free from all detection, will never be offended with my honest meaning: and as I loue and honour those

those that be good, so I never meant to please those that bee proud and lewdly giuen.

If I be offensive to any queazie stomacke, it rather proceedeth from some distempered humors in the party so offended, in that he knoweth himselfe to be guilty of these crimes, and so may thinke I point him out for a foole, then of any fault of mine.

May we not a litle scoffe at those, that doe nothing else themselves but make a scoffe at vertue? Is not the world come to that passe, that men doe rather glory in their sinnes, then either seeke to reforme, or to shew any signes of sorrow or amendment?

Name mee but the Drunkard, that ouer night hath bin carried like a beast to his bed, that is ashamed of it the next morning, but is rather ready to laught at it, and to fall to his draffe againe afresh.

Is it not so with the Adulterer, that doth take greater pleasure in the vaunting of his adulteries, then he did in the acting? Looke amongst all sorts of sinners: doe they not reioyce in their abominations, and make themselves merry with their owne iniquities?

Is not the man that feareth God become a laughing stock to those vassals of vice and villanie?

The proud peacocke, he lookest asquint at him that doth not shine in silke, and glister all in gold.

The drunken swad, he makes a wry meouth at him that will not be once a weeke drunke for good fellowship.

The blasphemous wretch accounts him for a Mecocke that cannot sweare voluntary, and lash out for every word an oath.

The vicious lecher will call him Puritan, that will not beare him company to a Bawdy house.

The knowne harlot, that liues in daily adultery, will not sticke to shoulder the honest woman, that was never detected, and will striue with her for place and precedence. Vice doth so guard it selfe by tyrannic, that no body dares open his lips to reprehend it.

Marke but the vicious Courtier, how he flatters, sweares,

and forswares, and damnes himselfe to the Diuell, to please the eye of greatnesse, tels false lies, and tales, to act any vilianie, when murther shall accompany lust euен to poyson innocents. But God is iust, and doth reward them with shame here, and in death Hell doth attend them.

The great ill man hath discharged honesty for comming on his ground, and hopes to be Lord of as much ground as a Kite can flie ouer in a day. O Rauen, for he dips his bill in poore mens blood.

The vnmercifull vsurer and his broker fasten their long talents vpon the decayed borrower ; tell them of honesty, they terme you pragmaticall and talke of nothing but thousands, as though they meant to spit shillings in the face of any that oppose them.

The futtle Lawyer that pleads in ill cases, sells silence, takes fees with both hands, and like an ill Surgeon keepes the wound of his clyent greene, till hee hath emptied his purse.

The deceitfull Tradesman that keeps a good and a bad weight, because he hath a heart and a heart, holds honesty an enemy to this thrift ; because hee meaneth to bee vnreasonable rich, hee can bee content to bee vnmeasurable sinfull.

The bold faced stage player that trades in poysoning all sorts and ages with veres reeled in the smoke of lust, and blasphemous scripture iests ; these and the like stinke in the presence of God, and one day God will send them all to him, whom in this life they serued.

It is our sinnes then that haue raised the *Hubbub* : the cry is vp, and it is become so loud and shrill, that it hath pierced the clouds, it hath aspired the heauens, and it hath approached the presence chamber of God.

What is man that he should be thus prone ? He is vaine, fickle, weake, and wondrous arrogant : Then to fret him, he is euer swaied with loue, lust, ambition, enimitie, compassion, ioy, ialousie, feare, hope, despaire, sadnessse, with hate, reuenge, auarice, choller, and cruelty.

But I thanke God for it, I am not so madde, to thinke that

that I am able to terrifie those with my words, that the threatenings pronounced by Gods own mouth cannot make afraid; when our Preachers may cry out till their throats be sore, denouncing Gods vengeance against sinne, and wickednesse, are rather derided than beleaved.

What folly were it in mee then, to presume to induce those to the feare of God, that I thinke haue no regard neither to God, nor the Deuill; that doe liue as though there were neither reward in heauen for the iust, nor punishment in hell for the wicked; that do demeane themselves, not as though they were ignorant of God, but as though they did do their vttermost to despight him?

The world is now too farre spent, to looke for either grace or goodnesse vpon the earth; and the sinnes of this age are growne so proud, hat they are past all reformation.

Were it not better for mee then to laugh than to weepe, and for companies sake to be merry, and to sport at their follies, that I thinke are priuiledged by Letters Patents from hell, to follow their owne lusts and pleasures, and to feede themselves sat for the Diuels owne tooth?

What is become of our ancient bountie in house-keeping? Those whose ancestors liued in stately Pallaces, like Princes in their Countrey, brauely attended by a number of proper men, now come and liue in the Citie, where they are but inmates, rogues by statute: and my young master and his boy spend that which was wont to maintaine so many. What is the reason of this? An ancient Father of the Church saith, *Mutant omes pro anibus, bones pro piscibus*: They give as much for a bird as their fathers for a fat Weather; and more for a fresh Salmon, then they for a fat oxe: and how scant a portion of these dainties comes to the almes basket, all men may judge. Nay we may say they put all their fat Beeues into their imbroydered and perfumed doublets, their fat sheepe into their skarlet slops, the eggs and flower that should make the good pies and pasties, into starch for their yellow bands; all the smoke that should come forth of their chimneys, is blowne out at their noses: Finally, they make but a pufce of all their fathers left them.

And now to begin my sport, I cannot chuse but giue the *Hubhub*, when I meet so many of my young Masters passing thorow the streets, attired so like strumpets, trickt vp in the harlots trimme, for all the world like a Seamsters maide new come out of the *Royall Exchange*. Mee thinks they should not sweare an oath but by Gods daintie: they are not worthy to carry the name of men, that are so farre in loue with their owne deformities, as I thinke of my conscience, if the soules of the deceased might looke downe from the heauens to behold the things that are done here vpon the earth, there be a number of parents that would be ashamed to see the vanities of their owne children, how farre they are estranged, both in forme, fashion, and condition, from the discipline of vertue, and the precepts which they themselues had bin educated and trained vp in. Our mindes are effeminated, our martiall exercises and disciplines of warre are turned into womanish pleasures and delights: our Gallants thinke it better spend their lands and liuings in a whores lap, then their liues in a martiall field for the honour of their Countrey. Wee haue conuerted the collar of steele to a yellow-starched band, the launce to a tobacco-pipe, the arming sword and gantlet to a paire of perfumed gloues; wee are fitter for a Coach then for a campe, and our young Gallants are now become so wise in their owne conceits, that they will take vpon them to know all things, that doe not yet know themselues; and that which in former ages would haue beeene accounted for a noisome and a malapert kinde of sawcynesse, that they ascribe to proceede from the viuacitie and quicknesse of wit: but he that should behold their courting complements when they bee in company amongst women, could not chuse but laugh and giue the *Hubhub*.

They are so vaine to see to, so foolish in their words, and they haue so many distracted engines of action, as would sooner turne a wise womans stomacke, then winne her loue.

Parents doe well in being carefull to leaue their Heires large reuenues, for the most in number among them would

neuer

neuer be able to liue by their wits, their greatest study is but to follow pride and pleasure; and this is it that fills the world so full of fooles.

Gentle-men were wont to bring vp their Heires in the knowledge of Arts and literature, it now sufficeth if he can but write his owne name in a Mercers booke, put his hand to an Ob'igation, or to a bill of bargaine and sale, this is learning enough for a Gentle-man in these dayes.

Nor I cannot see but that hee that would seeme to haue most knowledge, doth shew (indeed) to haue least grace, nor they let not (so farre as I can perceive) for being the more learned, to be any whit the lesse foolish: the time hath beene a man would haue beene ashamed to haue begg'd a recom-pence, but for some speciall seruice performed for his Prince or Countrey: but now, for the drinking of an Health, for the lighting of a Tobacco-pipe, or for their laying of a Scene, to aet a peece of villany.

We buy Titles of honour with gold, that our Predeces-sours purchased with vertue, and wherefore but to defile a ^{Office are got-} ten by flattery, Dignity, to maintaine pride, and to seeke precedency? the ^{and begged for} time hath beene, that the Honours and Dignities were giuen ^{no desert at all.} not to the rich, but to the honest; and they were well puni-shed, that would seeke by money to oppresse vertue, that ^{Honesty stands} would first seeke by oppression, by extortiōn, and by the ^{at the gate and} ruines of the Common-wealth, to gather riches, and then ^{knockes, and} (distrusting their owne vertues) haue no other means, where-^{bribery enters} by to aduance themselues, and to take place of those that were their betters borne, but by corruption and giving re-wards.

It hath euer beene a thing detested amongst the multi-tude, to see an vnworthy person, that either enclined to pride, to couerousnesse, to oppression, or to such other like, to bee aduanced, eitherto Honour or Dignity.

Their high titles may sometimes augment their reputa-tions, sildome times either to mend their manners, or to benefit the Common-wealth; yea, we must needs confesse them to be honestly come by, that are so dearely and truely paid for, but yet all things well considered, it is but money

illaid out to purchase a Dignity, whereby to run the Buyer into infamie, and endlesse miserie.

I will not meddle with the Nobilitie of this age, that are well knowne to be nobly descended, as well from ancient as from honourable families, yet there have beene some others, that would faine haue runne currant for six shillings eight pence sterlinc, that if they had beeene brought to the Balance, would haue beeene found too light by a great deale more then the coimmon allowance of two graines ; but if they had beeene tried by the Touch, or brought to the Test, we might haue sworne, that all was not gold that did glister.

To be vertuous in this madd age were vaine, when vice is altogether graced ; I will raise the cry against the Courtiers, but if I speake all that is true against the Courts of Princes, I shall be too tedious in my short suruay of abuses. Only this, Courtiers haue delight, not in vertue, but most of them in vice : what are they better for high bloud, high titles of honour, stately buildings, costly fare, rich raiment ? all their pleasures and dignities are but vanitie, vnlesse endued with the rich robe of vertue : by the steps of flattery, most Courtiers learne to climb ; the Courts of Princes are giuen to fornication, adultery & rauishments, which are counted young Courtiers sports : in Court they oppresse vertue, honesty scorned, innocent men persecuted, Ribalds preferred, presumptuous men fauoured, flattery aduanced : Princes courts are like gardens, where one gathers vertue, the other plucks vice, one suckes honie, another drawes poysen.

We doe read that in former ages, this insatiate desire of Honour was so bridled and curbed, that these oppressing practices were well enough prevented, and so circumspectly looked into, that no ambitious person (contrary to the rules of honestie) should either by briberie, or anie other manner of corruption, aspire either to Office or Dignity.

I could now laugh till my belly did ake, but for angring of my Lady, to see so many Madona's percht vp, that we are not able to know a Lady from a Landresse, wee cannot distinguish betweene those women that bee of honour, from those that are but base in parentage, whose best bringing vp

bath been in washing, in starching, in scraping of trenchers, in filling the pot, yet not croisse the streets but in a coach.

She that treads vpon the ground, or walkes on foot but the length of a paire of Butts, shee must haue a supporter, some lustie young Stallion must lead her by the arme, or she cannot goe.

Now of mine honestie (foole that I am to sweare) when I my selfe was young, and should haue beeene seene in such sort, to passe through the streets leading a young woman, they would haue thought I had beeene conducting of her to some Bawdy-house.

But should I speake of women in generall (I will not meddle with Ladies of Honour) and I know amongst the rest, there bee a number as well of old as young, that are both wise and vertuous, who (knowing themselues to be free from all detection) will never bee offended with mee for speaking the truth, and as many vilde and vicious, both in court and countrey ; and as I loue and honour those women that bee good, so I neuer care to please those other that be ill. I know againe there be a number, that (of my conscience) are more honest then they themselues do make shew to be, that a man would think by their outward appearance, they had made port sale both of vertue and honestie, or what vertue or honestie they haue, they doe conceale ; but for their vices, they are set open to shew.

And doth not this deserue the *Hubhub*, to see one of these old antiquities, I meane a Ladie that is so far spent in yeeres, that shee is readie for the graue, and more wisdome for her to prouide her selfe a winding sheet, then to sure her selfe in coloured silkes, in gawdy attires, to couer her hoarie Scalp, with a curlid-perewig, and to looke out every day for new fashions.

When I see such a Beldame (that is past child bearing) to be thus youthfully disposed, it puts me in minde of the Proverb, *That our old horse would haue a new saddle*. And what is become of that modesty that was wont to be amongst young women, when maidens do now grow faster into impudency and audacious boldnesse, then they doe into yeeres or ver-

*They will ride
in a coach,
thoug it bee
a bawdy house
and the footman
keeps sentinel
at the doore.*

tuous endeauours ; when she, that as well in her apparrell as in her behauour, doth shew her selfe to be now masculine, doth then think her selfe to be most in fashion.

Are not our young women, in this age, trained vp from their very infancy, to be as bold, as insolent, and as shamelesse, as either Ruffian or Roaring boy ? If they be once past fifteene yeceres of age, if their parents will not give them husbands, they will provide themselves of paramours.

Giue me leaue a little to tell you of the first Institution of roaring, because there is such a number of that brauerabble. rowt in euerie citie, and almost in euerie countrey-towne. The first roaring was at the Tower by Roaring. Meg the great ordnance, for they stufst her breech with venomous powder, and set fire to her touch hole, and she roar'd. And then the Lyons being so neere, they roar'd. And then the Beares of Parish garden hearing the Lyons, they began to roar. And the Boyes comming to see the Beares, they learned. And euer since their hath beeene a company of Roaring-boyes.

They were wont to bee brought vp in honest and vertuous exercises, now in wanton idlenesse, in impudent and immodest boldnesse.

*These be fit for
the Italian
styes, not for
any honest
mans wife.*

She that is tongued like a Lawyer in the Tearme-time, that never speakes but for profit, she that can dance a synque-paace aboue ground, so lofty that a man may see her silken garter : she that can both laugh and weep Irish : she that can sing come tit me, come tat me : she that can play Ladies loue lusty Lads, on the Voyall de Gambo : shee that hath beeene brought vp in the knowledge of tongues, and can speake good Ram Alley : she that can learne fastest to forget shame, Why, this is a Minion for a mans tooth ; shee is fit to bee made a childe-bearing woman : there is nothing so much endeauoured amongst women, as to blaze and set forth their beauties, and to this purpose they haue deuised many artificiall helps to set it forth. And because to haue many Louers to be still hanging about them, which they suppose to bee a testimony of this their borrowed beauty (the rather to incite and draw them in) they runne into behauours of little modesty. What a number of Knights, and Gentlemens sons

the English Flu and Crie.

in this age, are drawn in by these base and vile strumpets, to spend both body and goods, lands and lives, to please and satisfie his honest whore, that must haue her face painted, her haire powdred, her locks curled, her silke petticoat embrodered with gold, her gownes of cloth of siluer, cloth of gold, and the yellow band and feather, with diuers other dainty deuices: so strangely deformed, the Diuell can hardly inuenire the like: so demeaning themselues with such wanton countenances and shamelesse gestures, that they doe manifestly make offer (and sometimes doe giue themselves for a prey) to those men that are of a base and vicious disposition, that will accept and ioync issue with them, till they beginne to long for greene plummes, and then they will as quickly abhorre them, as they made shew suddenly to loue them, and then he leaues her fit to serue a brothell-house, vnlesse some base-minded groome (as I know some such there bee) will take her for a wife, and can bee contented to liue by his wiues bringings in; and these be they that doe help to replenish the world with Harlots and common Tweakes.

She that hath borne a bastard to man of note, ^{* It is holden a credit, to be a} she thinks ^{bastard to a} it to bee no blemish at all to her reputation; nay, she thinkes ^{great man of} the better of her selfe. I remember I haue read in a French ^{fame and wife,} history of a Duke of Guyse, that was well knownen to keepe ^{as this example} Monsieur Grandyles wife, who was a Gentleman of great estate, and likewise descended from an honourable Family, ^{she weth.} who after hee was dead, there grew some question of his wiues children, whether they were legitimate and begotten by her husband, or bastards to the Duke of Guise, for so the most of them were supposed; the eldest sonne protested with a vehement oath, that he had rather be accounted the noble Duke of Guyses bastard, then to be reputed cuckold Grandyles sonne, and in this humor hee forsooke his inheritance, and left it to his younger brother.

¶ Now (of my conscience) a number of our gallançy girdles in these daies be of the same disposition, they had rather be accounted an harlot to some great personage, then an honest mans wife. And all things considered, they are partly to bee excused, when such harlots shall bee better graced, then the

*Crackt Cham-
ber-mayds the
Masters whore
the Serva-
mans wife.*

woman that is honest, and my Laydy will take her into her owne coach, when Chastitie shall trudge on foot, and bee scoffed at.

Beauty that is ioyned with honestie is out of request, who doth regard it? and a man were better to slander an honest woman, then to speake truth of an harlot.

We may call a scold, a scold, and it may passe without any great perill: but we cannot call a whore, a whore, but with danger; for if shee bee able to put on a silken outside, and to see a Proctor in the Commissaries Court, though shee bee a knowne strumpet by the report of all her neighbours, yet we must not call her whore, vniuersallie we bee able to bring two other eye-witnesses: and she that is so open in her busynesse, that shee will haue two or three paire of eyes to looke vpon her, is fitter for a cart, then she is for a coach.

Well, blessing of his heart yet, that would say, *Thought was free*: and when I see a woman haue a painted face, with a powdred periwig, her breasts laid open, her stomacke naked, almost downe to her nauell, to speake truly, I know not what to thinke; but let her be as honest as shee list, these are but like Tauerne signes, that are hanged out but to call in customers, and they are indeede the *Forerunners of adultery, vice, and villanie*. And if shee be honest that thus letreth her selfe to the shew, yet it hath beene questioned, whether chastitie ioyned with vanitie, doth merit anie commendations or nay: but this is without all question, that this ouer-much affected follie doth liue with no leesse suspected honestie: she is but an ill hyswife therefore of her owne credit, that will bring it into a vulgar construction: but as the mouth of Wif-doine hath auowed, that *A wise married wife is her husbands glory*, so it were much better for a mans owne credit, to marry a wise harlot, then a foolish honest woman: A wise harlot, that can shelter her escapes with such discretion, that the world shall neither see nor wonder at it; then a foolish honest woman, who although she bee honest of her body, yet in her attire and outward shew, euery man doth thinke her to be an harlot. Nature hath not ordained all women to bee wise, there must bee some vaine, if it bee but to fit the humors of

those

those men that are no lesse fond then foolish. And as there be in women sundry kindes of allurements, so there be in men as many severall desires: for as some doe fancie those women that be gawdy and garish in their apparell, and therewithall so lauish of their eyes, words, and gestures, that they doe promise easily to be wonne, and doe give a lufffull hope to the beholders: so another lusteth after her that can season her beauty with a shapnelle of wit, and hath Art and skill to hide a thousand crafts and subtleties, vnder a smooth tongue.

Some are seene to dote vpon those women, that can accompany their beauties with coy countenances, and scornefull words, that hideth not her thoughts, but carelessly speakeith what shee thinks.

But the man that is wise, intirely loueth her that is honest, sober, modest, that so tempereth her selfe in all her demeanors, that vertue hath seemed to settle her selfe in her looks and countenances, and that the graces are there heaped together like a pleasant polie, compact and made of many flowers, and that of the most faire and excellent in the garden: but where in Gods name should a man go secke for such a wife? I thinke in *Moore's Eutopia* or in *Terra incognita*, an Iland never found.

Or what is become of that age, when simple beauty without any helpe of Painters Art, was best beleeming an honest woman? when bashfull modestie inclosed in a womans brest, was the best lure whereby to induce honorable reputation? The Diuell hath here set another snare to catch Ladies and Gentlewomen, which besides their costly clothes, they must not content themselves with good faces of Gods making, but dainty painted faces, fit for painted Apes: now they do paint with *Indian excrements*, and besmeare themselves with *leuish spittle*, too base and vile to chaste honestie, that I do admire how Ladies and Gentlewomen can affect such loathsome stufte. I thinke one were better salute the backside of an honest woman, then the artificiall face of one of these painted *Izabels*.

They were then beloved of the wise, of the vertuous, of
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the learned ; but now by the vaine, by the lewd, and by those Herinaphrodites that are not worthy the name of men, and therefore to speake truely, not worthy of honest wiues.

Would you know who was the first inventers of this pain-ting the face, and brests ? It is said, an old Bawd, whose beast-ly youth procured her a hatefull age, and shee resembling dame vgly, my Lady Hard-fauors chamber-maide, shee was ouer-ridden and surfeted, all the haire of her head fell off, her eyes were sunke into her head, her nose dependant long and slender downe to her chin, shee was mouthed like a Plaice from the one eare to the other, her teeth rotten with sweet meats, and stinking yellow, her face and skin like the outside of rustie old bacon, and shee spits in her hands to make her moyst, her body, and leggs swelld with the drop-sie as bigg as a mill-poste : this neat and curious peece of bawdry would needs be made new and fresh againe, like the blotsomes of May ; hir doings and customers decayed fai-ling, shee call'd to counsell three maine pillars of hir house, which was Mistris Whore the younger, Mistris Fructifier, and Mistris Tweake the elder, and when they had drunke each one a quart of burnt sacke, their wits were full ripe, and then shee questioned with them how hir selfe the old May-pole of mischeife might be repaired, and they invented the Art of woman painting for the face and brests, which to this day the women of that Trade doe continually vse, and I am perswaded not any other, which how beastly, odious, and vgly it is, I leaue to all honest women to iudge.

What should a vaine Fantastike do with a wise woman ? No, shee that hath her face painted with white and red, shee that hath her bands starched with blew and yellow, shee that in stead of a plume of feathers, can decke his Coxcombe with a paire of hornes, shee that can sympathize with him in his owne folly, shee is fit for him, there is neither pot broken, nor water spilt betweene them, there will be a good accor-dance, if were pitry the banes should be forbidden.

We were wont to say, it was a wise childe that did know the owne father, but now we may say, it is a wise father that doth

doth know his owne childe. I protest, I do not know a dishonest woman in *England*, nor in *Ireland*, of mine owne ex-perience, but if we may give credit to reports, or beleue what they them selues doe make shew to be by their outward appearance, there were never so many, and the trade is be-come to be so vniuersall, that they cannot thrive the one by the other; their gettings doe but serue to shift off the time, till they become to be some fourre or fift and thirty yeeres age, & then if they do not turne Bawd, they must either of be turned into some Hospitall, or end the rest of their life in a Spitle.

But this plenty of Harlots hath done some good in the Common wealth, it hath much abated the price of Bawdry; for now a whoremonger may haue his pot of Ale, his pipe of Tobacco, and his pocky whore, and all for his three pence, and that almost in euery by-Lane. A happy thing for poore Knights, that the market is thus beaten downe; for one of these high prizde Harlots, that must haue her silken gownes, hir guarded petticoates, her embroydered smocks, her needle-worke edgings, hir pouldred perywigs, and hir cost-ly Cates, she is able to vndoe a whole halfe dozen of Knights, one after another.

She will make him to spend his Reuenues, to sell his land, to disinherit his posteritie, and his whole estate to be euer-more doubtfull, and still in danger of burning.

She will leaue him so weake in his purse, so feeble of his body, and so rotten in his bones, that the soueraignty of his Tobacco will never be able to cure him.

I cannot tell how I should passe ouer these matters with-out giving the *Hubhub*: but let vs now looke into the appa-rell that is vsed, and that as well by men, as by women.

There is nothing whereby a man may more readily iudge of the inward disposition of the minde, then by the outward shew of apparell. Our words, our behaviours, and our out-ward attires, they are all tongues to proclaime the inward disposition, either of men or women: for there is no doubt but that a phantasticall attire is a plaine confirmation of a phantasticke minde.

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But if I had as many mouthes, as *Argus* had eyes, I should yet want wordes to expresse the foolerie of new fashions, the onely cloke whereby to patronize the franticke humors of this madding age, is the multitude of madde men that doth vse them, which now by custome are growne so familiar, being practised by the multitude, that if they were acted but by a few in number, I thinke that if they themselues did but stand by to behold them, they would account them to bee worse then madde, that did so much affect them; but yet in this deformitie of fashions, it is commonly seene, that wise-men doe sometimes follow fooles.

But of all occupations, I will blesse my selfe from being a Taylor, especially to any of those of the decayed Order: for when the Taylor hath spent his wits to fit him in the new fashion, which he must fetch from France, Flanders, Italy, Spaine, and that he hath shewne his skill in cutting, pressing, printing, racing, garding, and stitching, yet he sweares he hath spoild his garment: And I cannot chuse but laugh, to thinke how the poore Taylor must indure to bee call'd Rogue, Rascall, Foole, Asse, Prick-louse, Botcher, Bungler, and to suffer the worshipfull Knight *Sir Giles Gooscap*, to rage, to rail, and to sweare that his garment is marred, hee hath cut it too long, too short, too wide, too streight, and he must be contented to indure all, and glad to get him home with his bill in his pocket, not daring to aske his money for a twelue-moneyn after. For a womans Taylor, the best way to please my Lady, is to haue some interest in her Chamber-maide.

It would be tedious to set downe what meanes hath bin vsed to draw in money for the supply of wares, what great summes of money haue bin raised from the pride and excesse that hath bin vsed as well by men, as by women, in their garded garments, their coloured silkes, their gold and siluer lace, and their such other superfluities: If these exactions were now looked after, I thinke it would draw deepe, when Cloth of Gold is thought too simple, vnlesse it be ornified with some rich imbroydery, either of Gold or Pearle, for otherwise, he that his fathers best coat was but of home-spunne

spunne cloth, doth disdain to weare it.

Pride is now become the mother of detraction; for it driueth a number to Church, that goe thither more to shew their brauery, and to seeke precedency, then they do to serue God. The Sabbath day, which the Almighty himself hath commanded especially to be kept holy, that day aboue all the rest is most prophane, and God is more dishonoured with this monstrous sinne of pride vpon the Sabbath day, then he was when Lucifer was first depriued from the ioyes of heauen.

If we keepe our dores shut vp during the time of the Sermon, we thinke we haue done enough. And there is a prouident care had, (if it were as carefully obserued) that no Victualler in the time of Diuine Seruice should retaine in his house any drinking or disordred company.

Doe but now finde me out the Tauerne, the Inne, or the Alehouse, where God is more dishonoured on the Sabbath day, then he is in the Church it selfe, and then at that very time whilc^t the Preacher is in the Pulpit.

Looke but vpon the abhominable pride that is there to be scene, and thou wilt say, it is fitter to prophane the Temple, than to doe God honouer. The pride of this Age is greater then euer it was, bothe in Nobles, Knights, and Gentlemen, and as well in those that shoulde giue good example, as teach precepts, in high and low, rich and poore, all sorts, all degrees, are excessively proud: and as it were in despight of Religion, to attire and pranke vp our selues in that pompe and excessive pride, as were fitter for a Brothell-house, then for the house of God.

I would not be thought to be too generall in my words, for God defend but there shoulde be many good and godly disposed persons that doe frequent the Church, that are no lesse zealously inclined then godly devoted: yet hee that should duely consider of the excesse that is vsed in superfluous vanities, would rather judge them to be the marks and monuments of a people that never heard of God, then to be in vsse and custom amongst Christians when they be seruynge of their God.

We goe to Church indeed vpon the Sabbath, and we say it is to seeke Christ, but it is to seeke precedencie, to dispute of dignities, to arrue for places, to contend who shall goe before, and who shall follow after, and therefore to mocke Christ rather then to seeke him.

Christ is to be sought in lowlinesse of heart and humblenesse of minde: we must seeke him in feare and trembling, in mourning garments, lamenting and bewayling our sins: and therefore let those counterfeit hypocrites chuse whether they will be angry or pleased, for I will laugh at them, and give them the *Hubba* too, that will say they goe to seeke Christ in pride and presumption.

We read in the holy Scriptures of three wise men that came to seeke Christ, (the Papists would haue them to bee three Kings) but did they come in any pompe or pride to seeke him? It is written, they gaue him gifts, Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh: and this (in the opinion of most learned Divines) was preordained by God himselfe to rule out the necessarie of *Joseph* and *Mary*, who were then prestently to stie into Egypt for the safetie of the child *Jesus*, whom *Herod* did seeke to murder.

We doe read of *Zacchaeus*, that came to seeke Christ, and he was driven to climbe a Pigge tree, but to get a sight of him: the text saith he was rich, but his apparel could not be sumptuous, that was fit to climbe a tree.

Wee read againe of the Virgin *Mary* her selfe, that for three dayes together had sought Christ, whom in the end shee found amongst the Doctors in the Temple: but doe you thinke shee rode all this while in a Coach, that shee went therto seeke him?

Christ himselfe cano to seeke vs when we were lost, nay when we had lost our soules, and were sold vnder sinne: but when he came to seeke vs, and to save the world, did he shone in robes, or glister in gold?

How is this world changed? We cannot now goe to seek Christ, but we must be clad in silke, in fawne, in veler, in gowns of siluer, in cloth of gold. Every worthy Maiden, that her mother hath trudged many a mile on foot to see

to market, shee cannot now goe to Church but in a Coach, if it be but the length of a Bowling Alley.

The six dayes that God hath left vnto vs to follow our worldly busynesses, wee mis-spend them with many foul abuses; but the Sabbath day, that we reserue onely to shew our pride.

Thus vnder pretence of going to Church to serue God, we goe to Church to mocke God, and our comming home from the Sermon, doth rather shew vs to be returned from the celebration of those filthy ceremonies which in the old time were solemnized in Rome to the honour of *Flora*, then to come like Christians with any signe of repentance, or shew in amendment of life. We goe to Church as we vse to take Tobacco, more for custome and good companies sake, then for any good it doth vs.

Could we but now marke what passe this age of ours is growne vnto: this age of ours, I say, that doth make so great shew to professe Christianitie: we are all now for pride and pleasure, but let vs take heede, for pleasure is but the for-runner of misery and paine, and pride that hath deprived the Angels from the joyes of heaven, is now growne soflarely, that she must haue her swadge, she will not be repreaved.

Virtue cannot indure to be pent vp in the mindes either of men or women, that doe so far exceed and super abound in vanities.

Amongst those things that our Ancestors did ever obserue as notes whereby to know a harlot, there was none more speciall then the gawdy and garish garments.

Salomon againe he setteth downe the bold audacious woman to be a bird of the same wing; then what shall we say to her that carries all these marks aboue her, that is both light and vaine in her apparel, and that is both impudent and shamelesse in her demeanor: this woman hath lost her giuidence, and she hath nothing to shew for her honestie.

There is mention made of a Canon, whereby it was ordained, that if a woman had passed through the streets attired like a harlot, howsoeuer she had bin wronged by any man, or violently assailed, she should haue had no aduantage

against him by Law. But if that Canon were now in force, our streets would never be without great quarrels; for their damnable new invented fashions do shew themselves to be no lese then monsters. Me think it were good therefore, and as well for men as for women, to determine with themselves how they would be accounted, and so to sure themselves in their apparell accordingly.

Let men shew themselves to be like men; that doe now shew themselves like women, to looke like Maid-mariian in a Morris-dance, fitter for a Sompsters shop, then to fight for a Countrey.

Our nictie hath brought into oblivion, the examples left vnto vs by our ancestors, they vsed none of this tricking, and this trimming vp of themselves, this frizling of haire, this curling of lockes, this starching with blew, with yellow, and with all the colours in the Rainebow, their best painting stiffe was dust well tempered with sweat, the true monument of Trauell, of Labour, of Industry, and of Action.

Now for women, she that powders her Periwigs, she that paints hir face, she that layes open hir breasts, she that bespots her selfe with patches, and layes her selfe naked, shamefull to thinke on, she that disguiseth and deformeth hir selfe every day with new fashions, if this woman be honest, wherefore should she doe these things, vnalesse of purpose, because shee would be thought to be a harlot, but if the woman that doth thus disguise her selfe doth not want a little honesty, I am sure shee wants a great deale of wit.

Their excuse is, These vanities of vanities, what are they else but the traps and traines of hell? and whilst the body is thus pranked vp in pride, the poore soule goes thredbare, and being made play-fellow with the bodies wantonnesse, she never feeleth her owne cuill, but that cuill only which the body indureth for fashions sake. But alas how few are there now left to tell the upright and they care not.

plaine dealing of our Ancestors, what care they had of the common good, how provident they were to reforme these over-exceeding vanities, but how few are there now that would either harken or regard it, or would either preside or follow their examples?

Or what shall become of afterages? What example of goodnesse shall we leue to our posteritie? The younger sort can but learne by tradition, what they receive by example from their Elders: and what can they heare or see either at home or abroad, that is not altogether vaine and vnlawfull? And besides the forwardnesse of their owne natures which still are ready to all impiety: they haue within doores the examples of their Parents to encourage them, that do think the readiest way to preferre their children (but especially their daughters) is to bring them vp in insolency and impudent boldnesse. And how is it possible that the daughter ^{We sildome see} should bee chaste, that is not able to number her mothers ^{grapes on thorn} fooleries, nor to cast a true account of all her vanities, sometimes perhaps of her adulteries.

If men and women should but degenerate from the rules of vertue, as fast the next age, as they haue done but within the compasse of our owne memories, they that should live to see it, may bid adieu to all vertue and honestie.

Democritus made himselfe merry with the follies of his time, but hee could not haue halfe the sport to laugh at, that our Age now affordeth: the sinnes of those times were but dull, dumpish, drowsie; they were not halfe so quicke spirited as now, that are become to bee more tapering, more active, more nimble, and farre exceeding in agilitie, over they were in former ages.

When *Alexander* kill'd his *Clitus*, drunkenesse would rather haue drawne teares from *Heraclitus*; then laughter from *Democritus*; but it is now become to be more familiar, more conuersant, more sociable, and drunkenesse is now a continual company-keeper in euery Tauerne, in euery Inne, and in euery Ale-house. ^{Hee haue made a lamentable example, the yeere 1617.} But the base bruites that doe frequent these places, are not worthy the laughing at, I will therefore goe seeke out better company.

There is no feastings, no banquettings, no merry mee-
tings, but if it be not solemnized with a company of drun-
ken sows; that before they be ready to stye grace after meat, if
some of them be not carried away dranke to their beds, the
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cost is but cast away, it is not worthy to bee called a feast. In former ages, they had no conceit whereby to draw on drunke[n]esse, their best was, I drinke to you, and I pledge yee; till at length some shallow witted drunkard found out the Carowse, which shortly after was turned into an hearty draught: but now it is enjoyned to the drinking of an health, an invencion of that worth and worthinelle, as it is pitty, the first founder was not hanged, that wee might haue found out his name in the ancient record of the hangmans register.

The institution in drinking of an Health, is full of ceremony, and obserued by Tradition, as the Papists doe their praying to Saints.

He that beginnes the health, hath his prescribed orders: first vncouering his head, hee takes a full cup in his hand, and setting his countenance with a graue aspect, hee craues for audience: silence being once obtained, hee beginnes to breath out the name, peraduenture of some Honourable Personage, that is worthy of a better regard, then to haue his name polluted at so vnsitting a time, amongst a company of Drunkards: but his health is drunke to, and hee that pledges, must likewise off with his cap, kisse his fingers, and bowing himselfe in signe of a reverent acceptance; when the Leader lees his Follower thus prepared, hee soups vp his broath, turnes the bottome of the cup upward, and in ostentation of his dexterite, giues the cup a phillip, to make it cry Twango. And thus the first Scene is acted.

The cup being newly replenished to the breadth of an haine, he that is the pledger must now beginne his part, and thus it goes rounde throughout the whole company, provided alwayes by a canon settowne by the Founder, there must be three at the least still vncouered, till the health hath had the full passage: which is no sooner ended, but another begins againe, and hee drinke[n] an Health to his Lady of little worth, or peraduenture to his light beet' d misfrie.

By these drunken devices, God is dishonoured, and that lowe which in those drunkennes they pretend to any man to be deere of and abhorred; yea, the prayers wherewithal haue makith vane God, or rather to be derided, than belie-
ued;

ued; but the woman they would seeme to honour by drinking her health, is thereby dishonoured, disgraced and discredited; for Drunkards are seldom seene to reverence any woman, either for her vertue, or for her honesty, but are more apt to flander those that never deserued it.

Let vs a little define Drunkenesse. Drunkenesse is a vice which stirreth vp lust, greefe, anger and madnesse, extinguisheth the memory, opinion and understanding, maketh a man the picture of a beast, and twice a childe, because he can neither stand nor speake. Drunkenesse is the mother of outrages, the matter of fables, the root of crimes, the fountaine of vice, the intoxicator of the head, the quelling of the senses, the tempest of the tongue, the storme of the body, the shipwracke of chasteitie, losse of time, voluntary madnesse, the filthinesse of manners, the disgrace of life, the corruption of the Soule; if there were no more to bee spoken against it, methinkes this should bee enough to deterre any Christian heart from this beastly sinne.

I would I had now a chaire with a backe and a soft cushion, that I might sit mee downe to laughe at the whore-maister: but especially at him that they call *Senex Fornicator*, an old Filthmonger, that many yeeres since engrossed the French pox, the which although he sometime used to vent in secret amongst his friends; yet he will not so disfurnish himselfe, but that he will refreue sufficient for his owne use, and the rather to conceale his commodity in priuate, and would not haue it to be openly knowne, he helters them vnder strange deuised titles; sometimes he calls them the Gowt, sometimes the Sciatica, and thus disguising them vnder these false applyed names, he shamefully standeth and believeth the pox.

There be some others yet of a better disposition, that doe *He shall not bee* deceipt this fraudulent manner of dealing; that when they accounted a haue made some pretty shifte of the pox, they do set them *Gentleman, if* forth to open shew, and finding them to be sociable, familiar *that he doth not* and conuersant amongst Knights and Gentlemen, will grace *carry this mark* them with a wrought night cap, yet not in any deceitfull *of the pox about* manner, whereby to ouzzen his Mischiefes subjects, bue will *him, and you* so lay them open to euery manes view, that you shall see their *true*

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know him, for
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he never rides
on a trotting
horse.

true pictures in diuers parts of the face, but especially at the nose: he doth not so hide them, but you shall discerne them by his complexion, by his snuffing in his speeche, his nose is commonly as flat as a bowling alley, by hi, very gate as hee passeth and repasseth by you. If a Dogge doth chance to hit him ouer the shins with his taile, he cries *Ob*, and perhaps, raps out an oath or two.

You shall never see him play any match at the foot-ball, or to win any wagers at running, or leaping; he may sometimes dance the measures, but these Carrantoes and Scottish giggs are out of his element: heere is plaine dealing, and it should seeme these poxes are honestly come by, when they are not hidden, but are thus layd open to every mans view.

But soft and faire, let mee now pause a little, for it stands mee vpon to take good heede how I raise the crie against the Blasphemer, hee that will snarle and swagger, as though hee meant to kill the olde one; hee that will rumble out oathes like thander or canon-shot, and will sometimes burst into such a vaine of swearing, as if hee meant to make the powers of Heauen to shake and to tremble. They haue such excuses for their swearing; first, it graceth their speech, & is an orna-
ment to their phrase. Secondly, it is a generall custome, the most part vse it, and few or none refraine it. Thirdly, they doe it from no bad minde, no wicked intent. Lastly, if they doe sweare, they are but small oathes, and therefore to bee borne withall: but looke vnto it wicked blasphemer, if God be not mercifull, thou wilt finde none so little but deepe en-ough, none so light but heauy enough, none so small but great enough to send thee downe into hell. Heere you may see what these damned forsworne Diuellis of hell pretend for their diuellish act of swearing.

But I care not if I tell you a history, which was many yeers agoe written in a strange language, but now lately translated out of Elssex into English, and thus it followeth.

There was sometimes a father that had three sonnes, who at the time of his death, bequested by his will his whole e-
state, as well of lands, as likewise of goods and chattells, to that one of the three, that by reasonable demonstration
could

A strange story
and true.

could prooue himselfe to be most degenerate and declining, as well from humanity, as from honestie.

Aftrer the death of this well-disposed parent, his three sonnes appointed a day of meeting, to determine of their fathers bequest, when comming together, the eldest brother in a short *Exordium* deliuered his fathers determination, how hee had disposed his whole estate onely to him that could prooue himselfe the most dishonest, the which (sayd hee) I hope I shall neither need to spend many words, nor to bring better testimony, then what your selues doe know, and of your owne consciences will award in my behalfe.

To speake then to the purpose: I am well knownen to you ^{7 the first sonnes} both, to be a common whore-marter, that doe wholly en-^{steekb.} cline my selfe to follow harlots, that doe spend, squander and consume my time (day by day, and night afster night) my goods, my bodie, my life and my lands, in Brothel-houses, amongst Bawds and Harlots, that are the very sincks of sinne; yea, all I haue, or euer shall bee woth, so dearely doe I loue these prostituted beastly queanes, that I cannot sleep quietly in my bed for thinking of them; that ^{Whores are the} as *Salomon* hath sayd, doe carrie death and damnation about ^{Diuellish knytes} them: These be they that I haue so dedicated my selfe vnto, that neither the feare of God, the shame of the world, nor the admonition of friends is able to restraine me; whom neither the loue of an honest wife, the naturall care of dutifull chil-^{drren}, nor the sting of a guilty conscience, can any whit at all mollifie. Tell me now, where shall you finde amongst men a villaine more stained and polluted with loathed filthines, or more to be detested then is the whore-monger? If any of you two can shew your selues to be more degenerating from honesty or humanity, I yeeld vp my righ: I make no fur-ther claime.

The second brother being now to speake for himselfe, be-
gan in this manner:

Brother, I acknowledge all that you haue said to be true, ^{The second bro-} and I confess the whoremonger to be a most vicious villain ^{thers speech.} amongst men: but you haue yet shot short of the mark you aimed at, for you are not so much enclined to follow that

*A Drunkard is
beast and no
man.*

filthy appetite of whoredome and adulterie, but I am as much and more addicted to base and beastly drunke[n]esse, base and beastly I may well teareme it, for there is nothing whereby to distinguish a man from a beast, but the vse of reason: for as man hath his being, so hath a beast: man hath sense and feeling, beasts haue both: man hath life, beasts haue the like: but man hath the gift of reason, the only euidence he hath to shew that he is a man and not a beast. Now a drunkard hath lost his euidence, for he hath neither the vse of reason, of wit, nor of honesty; he is fit for no good companie, nor godly exercise amongst men; and amongst beasts, he is more loathsome and filthy then is a hog, that amongst beasts that are filthy, is yet the most filthy. Yea, there is nothing so pleasing vnto me as the pot & tobacco-pipe, which makes mee haue a great paunch, my face set with rich carbuncles, my nose pimpled like holly berries, there is no newes so welcome, so pleasing, as *Come shall we goe drinke*, for a pot of old march-beere and a cup of sacke, will make my nose the riper: and this is my delight from day to weeke, and from weeke to yeres, and heerein I take my whole delight.

This (I hope) may then suffice, that although the whoremaster be a creature that is most to be detested and abhorred amongst men, yet the common drunkard, being a beast, and no man, is most digressing, as well from the bounds of humanity, as from the rules of honesty: and therefore as our prouident father hath by his will determined, the inheritance must be mine.

The yonger brother, that was now lastly to speake, began in this manner:

*The third bro-
ther's speech.*

Brother whoremaster, & brother drunkard, I haue heard the allegations that you haue hitherto alledged for your selues, and I haue had much adoe to forbear swearing: yet thus farre I concurre with you both, that the whoremonger amongst men is the most vicious, and therefore the most to be abhorred and detested: and the drunkard I doe thinke indeed to be a filthy beast, not worthy to beare the name of a man: but if your owne positions be good, the inheritance is mine.

mine. But brother whoremaster, you thinke to carry away the prize, because you are the most loathed creature amongst men: And brother drunkard, you thinke to defeat mee, because you are the most filthy amongst beasts; but I tell you in few words, and a little thing would make mee to sweare, the right is mine, and I will haue it, that am neither man nor beast, but a damned Fiend of hell, a Diuell incarnate, accurſed by Gods owne mouth. Zowndes, a common blasphemer is a creature more pernicious, then either man or beast.

*A Blasphemer
is a limb of the
Diuell.*

It is I that doe ſet that tongue, which by the right of creation ſhould be the trumpet to ſound forth the glorie of God, I doe make it the instrument to prophane and blaſphemē his holy name; to ſweare by his wounds, and by his bloud, by his heart, by his guts, by his ſide, by his body, by his ſoule.

Can any Diuell of hell ſhew himſelfe to be more aduerteſe? Giue ouer therefore your further claimes, for the inheritance beſongeth to me, it is I that am a bondſlauſe to the Diuell, a fire-brand of hell, a wretch that is moſt accuſed, it is I that am all this, and therefore it is I that muſt inherit.

Thus farre my Historie, and I thinke of my conſcience this laſt of the three brethren had the beſt right to that his fa-ther had bequeſted, for amongſt the ſonnes of men, there is not a more accuſed, then is the blaſphemē.

But now it is accouuted a Gentleman-like humour in him that can ſweare *ex tempore*, for matters of no moment, and they ſay it is a ſigne of courage: but to ſpeakē the truſh, it is a ſigne that hee is a reprobaſe wretch, forsaken of God, that doth vſe it: and as his life is detestable, ſo his death will bee damnable.

What ſwearing and forſwearing againſt Mar-chants, againſt Shop-keepers, and againſt all manner of Tradeſ-men, in buying, in ſelling, in bargaining, in promiſe-making, and yet what little regard in the keeping of an oath? We ſweare by the liuing Lord, by the power of God, the eternitie of God, the maiſtice of God, the life, the death of God; then we diuide our God, to rend him in ſunder with whole volleyes of oathes, as his heart, his bloud, his fleſh, his

sides, his wounds, his hands, his nalles, his feet, his toes, and all the parts of his precious body : a wicked impudent age, that any people vnder the face of heauen should dare to presume thus to sweare and forswear our selues, regarding not our oathes, hauing store of Gods iust iudgements on such wicked blaspheming wretches daily set before our eyes for examples vnto vs, and wee regard them not, neither amend our sinfull liues.

The Turkes and Infidells are more respectiue to obserue an oath that they doe make in the name of their *Mahomet*, then we that be Christians, when wee sweare by the name of the liuing God.

Our Gallants haue devised strange oathes, most fearefull to name, such as were never inuented, but by some damned forsworne fiend of hell ; and when they are at gaming, to heare them thunder forth these oathes, would make a Christians heart to tremble. Nay, he is thought to be but an unthrifte, that will not forge, faine, flatter, sweare and forswear for his owne aduantage.

The breaking of an oath that is made betweene party and party, is accounted to be no periurie : nay, whole millions of oathes that are vowed in the performance of promises, that are never kept, is accounted no dishonesty.

If mens words, and deeds, and thoughts, did concurre in one, we should vndece the Lawyers, neither should we need so many Scriueners to write obligations.

I my selfe doe know a great number of men in the world, that are called honest men, yet I know but a very few (if it were vpon a payement of money) but I had rather take his bond, then his booke-oath.

An ungracious age of ours this same, that if wee forbear from doing euill, it is more for the feare of punishment, then for the loue of vertue.

Mens honesties are now measured by the Subsidy-book ; he that is rich is honest, and the more a man doth abound in wealth, so much the more he doth exceed, and that as well in honesty, as in wit.

Hee that hath great friends, hath no faults ; but hee that is
poore

poore (if he be honest) I warrant him he will never be rich, for the time doth not serue for men to gather wealth by any honest precepts.

We doe looke ascew at vertue, when vice shall be saluted with cap and curtesie; and Arts and Sciences must now dance attendance, and waite vpon ignorance: and he that cannot sometimes greale a fooie with praiers, may (peradventure) die wise, but never wealthy.

We purchase lands, and we build vp houses with the ruines of the Church, with the sinnes of the people, with the sweat of other mens browes, with periury, with bribery, with oppression, with extortion: it makes no matter how we get, nor how we liue, when at the time of our death, we may haue an Epitaph, or a Funerall Sermon, when amongst a thousand sinnes that we haue committed, euен shamefull to bee spoken, yet if we haue done but one good deed be it never so litle, yet it shall be devulgated and extolde in a greater measure, then that of *Curtius*, when he offered himself into the deuduring gulf for the safety of his Countrey: yet whilst we liue, we doe make shew to haue great regard to our good names, that haue no care at all to our consciences: We daily see the rich Landlord doth grinde the faces of the poore Tenants by cruell oppression, extortion, and misera-blc seruitude: for the poore Tenant must be at command, vnder his most tyrannous Landlord. This proud deformed wormes-meat, that whores, drinks, playes, sweares, and swaggers, that consumes body and soule, lands and life, nay hee will yndoe a whcle hundred of honest poore men, to main-taine his detested and loathed appetite. But looke vnto it, thou whose guilty conscience doth tell thee thy faults are apparent, and God doth heare the cry of the poore, who dai-ly heapeth curses vpon thy vicious soule, for thy cruelty too largely executed vpon them.

But they are worthy to haue the *Hubbub*, and to bee well laughed at, that cannot cut out their owne consciences, ei-ther litle or large, short or long, or of what size or fashion they list: they may leare of the Wolfe, that being inioyned by his ghostly Father so fast, and for fourre & twenty houres

*The Wolfe's con-
science and the
P'surers are
much alike.*

to eat no more flesh then in his conscience did exceede the value of three halfe-pence; the Wolfe departing homeward, meeting with a sheepe and a lambe, valued the sheepe in his conscience to be worth a penny, and the lambe a halfe-penny, & so with a saftey conscience he deuoured them both: And he that will liue in this world, and cannot learne of the Wolfe to square out a large conscience, will neuer grow fat.

It is but our owne denying or misdenying, that makes or marres the matter. A strong faith helps all: the lesson is not new, *Crede quod babes & babes*, the Preist taught it long ago to a yong scholler that came to borrow his horse.

But it is a pretty thing this conscience, I confesse, and it is good for a man to carry about him, when he goes to church; but he that doth vse it in Faires or Markets, will die a begger, sayes this wise world.

I am moued with commiseration toward the poore Country-man, that dwels too neare him that is rich, whom he shall finde to be so sharpe-sighted, that he shall reape no commoditie, but he will haue both an eye and a longing to it: and then if he be denied, the poore man shall finde himselfe ill neighbourd. Would you haue a president? I will not be curious: There was sometimes a poore Farmer, who dwelling neere a Gentleman, a Justice of peace, that would haue bought a yoke of Oxen, which this Farmer could not spare, and therfore vpon necessitie was driuen to make deniall; wherevpon Master Justice conceiued such displeasure, that after this repulse, the poore man found himselfe to bee continually crossed and disturbed, and from time to time, so many wayes wronged, that he came to this Gentleman to seeke iustice, whom he found still to be rather supporting those that did oppresse him, then seeming any wayes to render him right: but perciuing at the length the truth from whence it grew, in a submissiue manner he came to Master Justice: Why (said the Justice) do you think me to be your enemy? Alas (said the Farmer) I do feele the smart of it, and am come in this humble manner to beseech your good will: Why then (said the Justice) you see I can bite though I do not barke. I do see and feele it (quoth the

*But although
the Country-
man cannot
spare his Oxe,
yet the Justice
often hath the
horne.*

*Beware the In-
sute, Countrey-
man.*

Farmer)

Farmer) but Sir, if I had a Dogge of that condition, I protest I would hang him as soone as I came home.

There be many such curs in the world now in these daies, that can both bite and whine, many of them more regarded for the authority they beare, then for any goodnesse is in them: but I will now giue the *Hubbub* to him that will buy an office: and yet I thinke the buying of an office, and the buying of a dignity are much alike, they are both attained vnto by corruption. And vertue betweene them is betrayed, and bought and sold for money; but since offices hath bin set to sale, to *Quicunque vult*, the Prince and Common-wealth hath bin the worse serued.

The time hath bin when he that would seeke to buy an office, was thought vnworthy to beare an office, but the buying and selling of offices, and the giuing & taking of bribes, are two pernicious euils: and that Common-wealth may be thought most bleſſed, where offices are giuen to the vertuous, but not sold to the rich, that doe ſeeke by their money but to opprefſe vertue. There is not a more dangerous thing then to put an office into his hand that is both wiſe and wiſked, or to arme him with power & authority that is of a covetous diſpoſition; the eye of wiſdom, that in former ages would looke into these enormities, was very viſiſt and carefull to preuent them, and prouided Lawes, whereby to bridle (not onely theſe) but diuers other abuſes, which from time to time were hatched vp.

Lycurgus made a Law againſt drunkennesse, *Augustus Cæſar* againſt pompoſous buildings, the *Lucanes* againſt prodigality, the *Lacedemonians* againſt excelle in apparell, the *Egyptians* againſt whoredome, the *Thebanes* againſt negligent Parents, that brought vp their children in idlenesse and iſolency. And God be thanked for it, wee want no good Lawes in *England*, whereby to reſtraine all manner of abuſes; but the examples of a godly life, in thoſe that ſhould miſter the due execution of thoſe Lawes, would be more eſſtuall then the Lawes themſelues; but ſome of them are rather inclined to their owne private profit, then the publique commodity, and can be contented to tolerate in others,

*The golden
Law is the best.*

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those vices that themselves are addicted to.

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blind by bribe-
ry: and autho-
rity daily abu-
sed.*

In the olde time they vsed to picture Justice blindfold, with a vaille before hir eyes, signifying, that Justice should not see the parties between whom shee was to distribute, but should performe hir office with equity and right, without any respect of persons, but now they haue put hir eyes quite out, and haue likewise made her deafe, she can neither heare nor see. I thinke they haue peckt out hir eyes with Capons, that were wont to bee brought vnto hir by couples, and sometimes by halfe dozens: I cannot say how she should be come to be so deafe, vnaesse by the neighing of Coach horses, or the rumbling of Coaches: And Justice hath her eares many times poysoned with vngracious tales that be whispered vnto her: or how it comes to passe I know not, but blind & deafe they haue made hir, she can neither heare nor see the pride, the adultery, the drunkennesse, the bawdery, the bribery, the popery, the impiety, shee cannot see a Recusant, a Preist, a Papist, a lesuite, our abhominations runne currant, without controulment, for alas Justice is bereaued the vse of her senses, shee can neither heare nor see.

She can a little smell, and she can sometimes vent a horse, a hawke, a hogshead of wine, sugar, spice, flesh, fish, fowle, or any thing that comes vnder the name or title of a present.

She cannot indure the name of a bribe, he that offers hir a bribe, she thinks him a foole, but for presents let them bring them till their backs do ake, she will make them more weary in giuing, then shee will be in taking.

I would be glad to fortifie my speeches with some example, although not of the time present, yet of the time past, and I remember a matter that I thinke will serue my turne, I cannot set you downe the yeere of our Lord, the day of the moneth, the certaine place or country, nor the names of the parties by whom it was acted, but true it is, and if reports may bee beleeuued, and for a truth it hath passed many yeeres ago.

There was sometimes (in what Countrey I know not) but a Magistrate there was, but amongst many contouersies that were depending before him, there was one had bin of that

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continuance, that the plaintiff for his better speed, bestowed a hogshead of choice wine vpon this Magistrate for a present, whereof the defendant hauing gotten intelligence, to outwaigh his aduersaries hogshead of wine, he presented this Magistrate with a very faire horse, which was likewise accepted and received: the plaintiff vnderstanding of this horse thus giuen, began to despaire of his owne successe, thinking his hogshead of wine to be but lost, bethought himselfe yet to goe drinke some part of it, before it were all spent, and with this determination had himselfe to dinner to this Magistrate, where diuers other guests being at the Table, and tasting of this wine, which they felte to be good, they began to praise and commend it one to the other, onely this Gentleman that had giuen it drunke space amoungst the rest, without any word speaking, either in pracie or dispracie, which the Magistrate himselfe noting and marking, with a smiling countenance began to cheere vp his guest, saying vnto him, mee thinkt I heare euery body praising my wine, but you your selfe; you say nothing to it, I would heare you say it were good. The Gentleman that had the horse still sticking in his stomacke, answered him in the best English he could speake, *I fust, kynd sinke te fine was goote, bat py Ked r a was smokest feerd a bors, wau trowndine.*

They all began to laugh at this Gentleman's mad conceit, that did thinke a horse had bin drowned in the wine, but the Magistrate that best vnderstood his English, would troue no further speeches, but let the matter passe. How the Gentleman sped after in his fute, I cannot tell, for we see the world is come to that passe, that amoungst those that doe follow futes in Law, he is commonly thought to haue most right, that is able to give most money.

Forsome Lawyers cannot speake till their tongues be stipt with gold, they had rather haue one cleuen shilling pece then all the Angels in heauen. Then is not this a miserable age, when money makes new law, nor honest Lawyers. We haue so many Playdow in these dayes, that can alter the case, and for their owne fute, will take money so fute men at brife and vassance, and he is but a foolish Lawyer, that cannot

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empty his Clyents purse, before he end his suite.

There is no Law, be it never so legitimate or trueley begotten, which with wrested glozes and fubtle expositiouns they cannot bastardize.

They are *pugnacis inter se*, there is no agreement amongst them, but what one confirmes to day, to morrow another will frustrate. And we haue as many perry-foggers, trampilers of the Law, that doe much wrong the Lawes of the land, that want both law, wit and honesty, that live only by setting their neighbours together by the ears, and then they prey vpon the poore ignorant people, they are as bad in a Common-wealth, as moths in a garment.

There be some Lawyers more wise then honest, they come vp to London with an empty capcase, and this Clyent with a full capcase, but before the last Returne of the Termes, the money is all in the Lawyers capcase, and in requitall he stuffes the Clyents capcase with rotten papers: and this fellow is so conuersant with the Diuell, that euery day he goes to Hell to breakfast.

There be many miracles assigned to Saints, that (they say) are good for all diseases, they can giue sight to the blinde, make the deaf to heare, they can restore limbs that be crip-pled, and make the lame to goe upright, they be good for Horse, for Swine, and many other beasts. And women are not without their shee Saints, to whom they doe implore when they would haue children, and for a quick deliverance when they be in labour.

They haue Saints to pray to, when they be grecued with a third day ague, when they be pained with the tooth-ach, or when they would be revenged of their angry husbands.

They haue Saints, that be good amongst Poultry, for Chickins when they haue the pip, for Geese when they doe sit, to haue a happy successe in Goslings. And to be short, there is no disease, no sicknesse, no groefe, either amongst men or beasts, that hath not his Physician among the Saints: And this is the cause (as may be supposed) why Physicians haue not so large commings in as Lawyers: for there is no controversie or suite in Law, be it never so little, never so iust, never

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a Taverne neare
Westminster
Hell.

neuer so honest, that hath either Hee-Saint, or Shee-Saint to defend or befriend it: Some will say, that it is a signe of a licentious Common-wealth, where Lawyers and Phylicians haue too great imployments; and I thinke indeed, they are most happy, that haue least to do with any of them both.

I will not meddle with our Ministry, that I thinke of my conscience, were never more reverently to be regarded then at this present, and that as well for their knowledge, as learning; yet notwithstanding the sinceritie of *Heij*, his proud sonnes deserued the *Hubhub*: and there is nothing wherein some of our Divines may be so much detected, as in giuing so much way to their childrens pride.

I had thought here to haue ended my discourse, and to haue wond vp my merriment with this old perclose, *and thus I bid you hartily farewell*, the winding vp of euery ordinary letter, but as I was dipping my pen to haue taken vp inke, I heard a muttering of mens voices, as they were passing through the streets, and looking out at a window, I saw foure young Roaring Boyes, that (I thinke) were new come from some Ordinarie, the one with a coloured feather in his hat; the other I marked well, had a long lowrie locke hung dangling by his eare, like a *Derry Irish Glybes*: the third was in a yellow starcht band, that made him to looke as if he had bin troubled with the yellow iaundis: the fourth had a short sword, like that which we were wont to call an *Ale. house Dagger*, and that was trussed close to his side with a scarfe; they were all foure in white boores, and gilt spurres, and they were consulting as they went along, how they might spend the afternoone: The one gave his verdict to go see a Play: a second aduised rather to goe to Tables or Cards, two against two for a quart or two of sacke: the third thought it better, that they might goe recreate themselves a litle in a bawdy house; but the fourth sware a great oath, that if they would go with him, he would bring them to the best pipe of Tobacco, that ever came out of the West-Indies.

This was the man to whom they all assented, the very sound of a pipe of Tobacco, made them all to run, as Swine to the draftie, when they heare the Maide begin to knocke

Upon the end of the Hogs trough. They say the Welchmen came all running out of Heauen, when they heard one without the gate, crying, *Caffe bobby, Caffe bobby*; but I thinke our Englishmen would run as fast into Hell, if they did but heare a voice crying out, *A pipe of Tobacco*.

But away these Gentlemen went together, and I began to wonder how a filthy stinking Antidote could so bewitch men to forget themselves.

In former ages, Gentlemen and Knights at their merry meetings were wont to spend the time in honest recreation; sometimes in gaming, or other pleasant sporting; sometimes in manly exercises, and indeuours of activitie; sometimes in braue discouersings, in matters of wit and learning; but now there is no musick pleasing, but the pot, and the Tobacco pipe.

O base conditioned time, is wit so farre spent amongst Knights and Gentlemen, that they can employ it to no better indeuours, but to imitate that abuse, which is so common with every Ostler, with every Tapster, with euery Tinker, with euery Costermonger, with every Horse-boy: and to conclude, that is in such vse and custome with every rogue and rascall.

Methinks the very community should make knowne the vanity: for vertue was never knowne yet to be imbraced by the multitude.

But they will say, there are both wise and learned, that do vse to take Tobacco; nay more, there are none will take it fater then some Physicians, that be accounted most learned.

And there be as wise and learned, that could never bee brought to meddle with it, and there be many wise men, that of my knowledge (for the little good they haue found in it) haue given it ouer. And for those Physicians that will take Tobacco so fast, they haue (as other men) many faults worse then that, vnfitt for wise men to imitate. I will therefore make them no presidenc, and Physicians are commonly accounted to be so much the more learned, that can best flatter foole in their folly. But I haue heard as wise, as learned, and as honest Physicians as may be in England, that haue said Pe-
bacco

Tobacco hath both killed and shortned many mens lives.

But let vs goe to experience, as well of former ages, as of this of ours at this present, that hath taught vs, and still doth shortned many teach vs, that those that never medled with Tobacco, haue liued, and doe liue in more sound and perfect health, then thos that take it fastest, But they will say there bee men of greater regard, then either Physicians, Gentlemen, or Knights that will take Tobacco, and therfore they are much to bee blamed, that will either write or speake against it.

The greater the person is, *sunt maius crimen*, his example is the more hurtfull, and he is rather to bee pitied for his infirmitie, then imitated for his digoitie.

But if the example of greatness may be a confirmation of matters to make them true or false, then I dare confidently prouounce Tobacco to be the most vaine and idle toy, that euer was brought into vse and custome amongst men, when wee haue a president, of him that is not onely most great, but is likewise most wise, most learned, most worthy, most renowned; yea, and most worthy thus to bee accounted, that hath evermore impugned, detested and abhorred Tobacco.

Sir, you are deceived, for by Tobacco comes red noses, the only marke of good felleynes.

Let them then giue ouer to vaunt of their wise and learned men, and let them take the folly to themselues, that like Spiders, can draw poison to hurt themselues, that can bribe their owne wits to flatter their owne follies, that are carried away with the tempestuous whirl-windes of their own affections.

Humours and affections have a great hand ouer vs, and they doe both place and displace Reason at their pleasure, and where Affection doth hold the Sear and Scepter in the Castle of the Minde, they may gell at many things, as they are led by opinion, but of very few according to truth: for where the heart is possit with any vehement affection, there Reason is exempt from his proper office, and their iudgement may easily be mistakn, and there is no contending against them, amongst whom Opinion is of such force, as Reason is of no force.

Our sooty-mouthed Tobacconists can candie poysone, and they doe so hugge their owne follies, that they are ready to turne all accidents into arguments, to fit their purpose.

And this wee doe see by other experiments, that when men haue once besotted themselves vpon a folly, there is neither example of shame, nor perswasion of wit can make them to desist.

Would you haue an instance, for your better confirmation, it is not yet so long since this new-found-out foolery of yellow starcht bands were taken vp, but that it is within the compasse of our owne memories.

Pride hath
overthrown
Kingdomes, and
brought whole
nations to utter
desolation.

And I could heere discouer the names of two severall persons that were noted to be the first that were seen with those bables about their neckes in the Court of England, the one of them being openly reprehended for his folly, was likewise admonished to beware of Gods iudgements, that doth never faile to attend on those new Inuenteres of vanities, that doth not onely addict themselues vnto monstreus pride, but by their abhominable example doth induce others to doe the like.

And as it was prefaged, so it came to passe ; for this Gentle-man, vpon some occasion very shortly after being in France, was there brought to an untimely death, and that by an extraordinarie accident.

The other remaines at this houre a spectacle of Gods heavy displeasure.

Mistress Tur-
ners exclamati-
ons against yel-
low starcht
bands.

Yet the open exclamacion that was made by Turners wife at the houre of her death, in the place where shee was executed, cannot be hidden, when before the whole multitude that were there present, shee so bitterly protested against the vanitie of those yellow-starcht bands, that her outcryes (as it was thought) had taken such impression in the hearts of her hearers, that yellow starcht bands would haue bee[n] ashamed (for euer after to haue shewed themselues about the neckes, either of men that were wise, or of women that were honest) but wee see our expectation hath faile[ed] vs, for they beganne euer then to bee more generall then they were before. I doe exceedingly admire these idle-headed young Gallants, or ruffianly Roaring Boyes, how they can walke the streets with one of these base, odious, vgly, beastly bands, this new diuellish inuaded fashion, looking as though they had

had scaped from the Diuell in hell, and there had scorched his hand, where euerie one wonders to see this ape of fashion, and points at him for a foole in this lewd example. Well honest Countrey-women, I bring you good newes : I wish you now to looke vnto your selues ; if euer you intend to bee rich, now is the time : You know Tobacco is in great trading ; but you shall be Marchants, and only for egges : for *Marchants for* whereas one pipe of Tobacco will suffice three or four men *egges* at once, now ten or twenty egges will hardly suffice to starch one of these yellow bands : A fashion that I thinke shortly *These that doe* will be as conuersant amongst Taylors, Tapsters, and Tin-fallow *such idle* kers, as now they haue brought Tobacco. But a great Ma- *ridiculous fashi-* gistrate, to disgrace it, enjoyned the Hangman of London to *ons, make their* become one of that Fraternitie, and to follow the fashion ; *Tennants Free-* and the better to enable him, he bestowed of him some bene- *holders within* uolence to pay for his laundry : And who was now so briske *one twelve* month after with a yellow feather in his hat, and a yellow starche band *their lands* about his necke, walking in the streets of London, as was *comes into their* master Hangman ? so that as my young Masters, that haue but *hands.* sithence fallen into that Trimme, they doe but imitate the Hangmans president, the which how ridiculous a matter it is, I will leaue to them selues to thinke on. All that I haue endeauoured, is but to make good what I haue formerly answred, *That a Peole will not bee brought so leaue his Bable,* neither for the shame of the world, nor for the loue of vertue ; and of my conscience, if there were yet some other Lob-coculus, that to shew his dexterity of wit, would leaue his yellow, and betake himselfe into greene, red, tawny, or to any other coloured manner of starching, he should haue followers, that would bring it into a fashion : this is a true proverb, *A yellow band and a greene wit.* So that as of these yellow starche bands, I thinke the like of Tobacco, it was first brought into England by some man of little vertue, and afterwards brought into custome by those of lesse wit.

But they say Tobacco is physicall, it is medicinable, it is precious for all manner of diseases, and they doe attribute more vertue to their Tobacco, then Bellarmine doth to his Pope. They say it will make a fat man leane, a leane man

fat :

far: he that hath fill'd his paunch till it be ready to burst, they say a pipe of Tobacco will make him to digest; hee that wants meat to fill his hungry belly, a pipe of Tobacco is as good a bait, as halfe a dozen of Hors[e] bread for a Carters horse; it is like the Shoo-makers leather, that if your boots be too strait, hee tells you it will reatc[h]; if too wide, hee tells you, it will shrinke. So Tobacco, it is good for encrease, it is good for decrease, it is good to take before meat, it is good to take after meat, it is good to take betweene meales, it is good in the morning, it is good in the euening, it is good at mid-day, it is good at mid-night, it is good at all times, at all seasons, in the summer, in the winter, in the heat, in the cold, in the spring, in the fall: it is good for all complexions, for all constitutions, for old men, for young men, for all diseases, proceeding either from hot causes, from cold causes, from drie causes, from moist causes: A man may take it as often as he list, as much as he list, as little as hee list, at the change of the Moone, at the full of the Moone, at the waine of the Moone, vnder euery Signe, vnder every Planet, vnder every Aspect, vnder every Climate. Now if the souerainty of Tobacco be such, as these men would perswade, either Physicians be Dolts, that doe prescribe vs so many obseruations, or these be notable Fooles that do thus take it. But the conceit that is holden of Tobacco, how precious it is against the French pox, may make somethat doe feele themselves to be distempered, to be the more enclining to it.

Some other againe that be old Fishmongers, and loue to follow the game, doe vs to fish those poules where they know the pox are easilly caught, doe therefore take Tobacco, to preuent perills. But how vnwise art thou, that doest know thy selfe to be free from that loathed sicknesse, and wilt yet be sucking at the Tobacco-pipe, that every poc-
kie companion hath beslaugered before thee, whom wile an
haue euer shamed to drinke withall in one cup? But let them be as free from that disease as they will, hee that is still sucking at the Tobacco-pipe, must yet take their imputation vpon him, that doth seeme with such diligence to seek out the remedy that is vsed for the cure.

*The worldnesse
found out so
rare a weed, as
these fooles
would haue of
Tobacco.*

But I am not so madde to thinke that euery man that doth take Tobacco, doth therefore take it because he feeleth himselfe to be diseased ; for then if his Maiesy had an im- plement but of a small company of men that were health- full and sound, they would hardly bee found out either in England or in Ireland. But this I thinke, that the greatest number doth take Tobacco more for matter of custome, then for matter of maladie. Yet one thing I haue noted, (marke it he that list) the Tobacconist that is obseruatiue, that prescribeth himselfe set times and houres to take his To- bacco, at those times and houres by himselfe prefixed, will sooner omit his praiers to God, then not performe his owne prescribed ceremony in taking Tobacco : He that should bring one of these to the Horse-market in Smithfield, and there offer him to sell, he could not warrant him to be sound of winde and limb, but he must passe among the lades, that men doe vle to put away for some hidden infirmity.

Shall I craue your patience now, and but to speake truly, there is not any man that maketh a custome in taking To- bacco, but he hath some defect either in body or in minde ; for hee that doth not take it for the cure of some infirmitie that he feeleth in his body, he hath both a defective and foo- lish mind, that is so ready every day to choake himselfe with an Indian smoake, so chargeable to his purse, and that with- out either constraint, cause, or necessity.

Heere I would now craue the censure of Divinitie, whe- ther this idle vanity, taken with such excesse (whereby the blessings of God are daily abused) be not as hatefull a sinne, and as much offending God, as either drunkennesse or glut- tonie ? I dare boldly pronounce, this excessiue taking of Tobacco, not only to be foolish, but also to be vngodly, and therefore to bee despised, derested, and abhorred by men, that be either good or godly : and he that doth vse it, vntesse vpon necessity, as hee shall bee constrained for the curing of some griefe or malady, is to be laughed at, and deserueth the *Hubhub*.

Tobacco is like a Popes Bull, that Papists doe thinke to be a good discharge of all the sinnes they can commit, from

the meanest to the mainest, from the eating of an egge, to the murdering of a King. The Tobacconist hath the like conceit of his Trinidado, that he thinketh to be a good *supercedas* for all diseases, from the aching of a tooth, to the French pox. The text that I haue taken in hand is but of smoake, and why should I vse any forcible battery against so vaine a vapour? but especially to those that haue dedicated themselves to this idle vanity, that there is no sequestration, that either wit or reason can afford, is able to separate.

Tobacco is the Heathens enriching, and Englands wilfull vndeing, and by the smoake thereof hath dried vp the hand of Justice she will not doe her duty.

I haue formerly sayd, that the first transportation of Tobacco into England, was not performed by any man, that was either of worth, or of any great account: So againe, it neuer grew into credit with any wise or temperate spirits, but (as it were) by an inconsiderate and foolish affectation of nouelties, drawne from a people that are Infidells and Aliens to God, truely reputed to bee the verie refuse of the world. Shall I now speake of the inconueniences that are drawne in by this immoderate taking of Tobacco?

What reverent rearmes might I then vse, whereby to expresse the vnciuill behauours of old Tobacconists? whilst they are sucking at their Tobacco-pipe, their flauering without regard of modesty, their spittling, their spawling, the vncleanlinesse of the sight, the loathsomeesse of the stincke.

First, it is drawne in at the mouth, then it is snuffed out at the nose, whereby the aire is infected with such a loathsome fume, that those that bee standers by cannot draw their breath, but they must sucke downe some of that filthy vapour, that hath beene blowne out, if not through a pockie nostrill, yet (for the most part) through a snotty nose.

And were it not as good manners for such an vnciuill chimney-nosed Tobacconist, to spit in a mans face, as to pufse out his filthy vapor where it flies into a mans mouth? I might yet speak of the idlenes, the drunkennes, the swearing, the swag-gering, the blasphemings, & of many other like enormities, that are all drawne in by this infatiable taking of Tobacco.

Amongst the rest, I cannot forget to commiserate poore distressed Ladies and Gentle-women, that among the creatures of God making, are of the most delicate & pure con-stitution,

sition, that must subiect themselues to the base & barba-
rous customes of these rude and vnciuill Tobacconists, that
doth so pollute and perfume themselues with this loathsome
and filthy stiffe, that a woman were as good to thrust her
nose into a close stoole, as to smell the vnfaouory sent of her
husbands stinking breath. If Nature had made mee a wo-
man, as she hath done a man, I cannot tell how I might haue
prooued in honesty, but I would haue beene one of the coy-
est female creatures, that ever knit a paire of browes in anger,
but especially to these Tobacco-Knights, I would haue ba-
nished them my company, they might sometimes (peraduen-
ture) haue talked with me before folkes, but I would haue
blest my selfe from their further acquaintance.

I haue talked so long of this filthy-Antidote, that it hath
made mee almost forget my good manners. The time hath
beene, when it we did speake of such loathsome stiffe, wee
vsed to put a sir reverence before, but wee forget our good
orders: and the best is, I speake but to such as are vnman-
nerly in the taking of it, as I am in the speaking of it. Let vs
therefore set the Hares head against the Goose gyblets, if
they will tax mee for my vnreuerent words, I will tax them
for their vnciuill deeds.

I remember a pretty iest of Tobacco. That was this. A
certayne Welch-man comming newly to London, and be-
holding one to take tobacco, neuer seeing the like before,
and not knowing the manner of it, but perceiving him vnto
smoake so fast, and supposing his inward parts to be on fire:
cried out, *O Ihesu, Ihesu man, for the passion of God hold, for by
Gods splendry shoues on fire,* and hauing a bowle of beere in his
hand, threw it at the others face to quench his smoking nose.
If they grow angry, and will say I am a foole, I will laugh the
faster, and will say, there are not onely but also: It is a good
Decorum for a man, to sute his words according to his sub-
iect. I haue hitherto spent my breath but to smoke-taking
Tobacconists, I will now convert my speeches to those that
be of wisdome and iudgement, to those that are not so carri-
ed away with their owne affections, but that they are able to
distinguish betweene good and euill, truthe and falsehood, ver-
itue

rue and vice: to them I say; There is no man that doth vse to take Tobacco, but he must take vpon him the imputation of some disease, or else hee must acknowledge himselfe to be a foole: for (besides the chargeable expences, which drawes deep in his purse that plies it a pace) who would endure the vnsauoury taste, the loathsome smell, the vnseemly sight, whilst they are in taking of it, but for the cure of some infirmity? And by the rules of Phylicke, there is no cure to be vsed, but where there is cause: Now what hidden vertue a smoakie vapour may haue for the curing of all diseases is much to be doubted, or why shold we not rather suspect it to bee more hurtfull then helpfull. There needes no other probation but this: It is smoake, and I neuer heard that smoke was good for any thing, vnlesse to dry red herring. It is naught in the Kitchin, it is worse in the Chamber, but for this smoake of Tobacco, the hatefulnesse of the smell doth argue the Antipathie it hath against Nature: Now if the disease be but a Cough, a Colde, a Rheume, a Distillation, or some such other like slight infimity (as the Tabacconist will acknowledge noneth be more loathsome) the medicine then (in euerie wise consideration) is much more noysome then is the malady. I will not say but that Tobacco may be medicinable for some diseases, and men that haue infirmities (if they finde ease in it) may take and vse it as an Apothecaries Drugge: but if all bee diseased that doe vse to take Tobacco, God help England, it is wonderfully infected, and his Maiestie hath but a few subiects that be healthfull in his whole dominions.

But this excessive and immoderate taking of it without necessity, is not onely a sinne before God, but a great shame in the sight of all good men, and there is no sinne that deserueth more bitterly to be reprehended, nor no shame that is more to bee mocked and scorned. And now to speake truly what it is that maketh mee so bitterly to inueigh against Tobacco. If it would please the Reader aduisedly to consider what a masse of money is yearely blowne away in the Tobacco-pipe, what huge summes of treasure are consumed in smoke within his Maiesties dominions, it would be

*It hath been accounted the sum
that may bee*

found

found a matter sufficient to give a yearly releefe to 2000. spent in Eng-
 thousand poore people that doe now swarne in Cities,
 Townes, and Countries, crying out but for a peece of bread
 to those that will spend pounds in their stinking Tobacco,
 that will not give two pence to those poore creatures that
 God himselfe hath recommended vnto vs to be comforted,
 cherished, and elecued.

But we haue locked vp our doores, and barred out mercy,
 and we haue set open the broad gate to let in ambitious
 pompe, excessiue pride, and needlesseryot: how sparing we
 be in that which God hath commanded, to give vnto the
 poore? how prodigall againe in the seruice of the Diuell, to
 spend vpon Tobacco? in smoake, be-
 out for a large interest: God himselfe stands bound as well
 for the vse as for the principall. And he that thus lendeth,
 is sure to be repayed, not with ten in the hundred, but with a
 hundred for ten. How happy is he then that is open-handed
 to give to the poore? It is a small substance, that cannot
 afford some pittance, if it be but a mite, and he that can finde
 out a penny for a pipe of Tobacco, might finde out some
 modicum to give vnto the poore: and thrice accursed is that
 outward brauery, that is not accompanied with some inward
 pitte: and he which spendeth all in Tobacco shall keepe
 nothing but rottennesse and smoake for his money.

I would be loath now to shew my selfe ingratefull, to for-
 get the place wherein I haue had so long residence, I meane
 the Realme of *Ireland*, from whence I learned first to giue
 the *Hubhub*, & where I hope I shall find some assistance that
 will helpe to raise the cry, some vpon cause of merriment,
 some vpon cause of greife, some that will laugh full merrily,
 some that will weepe as bitterly, some perhaps that may
 weepe *Irish*, but some againe that will weepe good *Englis*.

Amongst many occasions whereby the *Hubhub* is raised
 in *Ireland*, there is not any one more inducing at this present
 then that of *Pride*, that within this sixteene or twenty yeeres *of Pride*,
 is crept into *Ireland*, and growne into that excesse, that the
Hubhub thereby is arreased, and that as well in mourning as
 in mirth. There is not a people vnder the face of Heauen,

The Irish are naturally proud.

These be every Chambermaids attire, and odious in the sight of all modest & honest women.

If even Pride
came up staires,
Hospitality ran
out at window.

that be of a more haughty & proud spirit then are the *Irish*: proud mindes they haue ever had, but for any pride in their apparell, they never knew what it meant, till they learnt it from the *English*. It was a great dainties within these very few yecres, even amongst their greatest Nobilitie, to see a cloake lined thorow with Velvet, they were not acquainted with any great store of Sattin suites, they did not glister in gold and siluer lace, they were not acquainted with a paire of silke stockings, they had no Velvet Saddles, nor the greatest number of them so much as a paire of bootes to draw on when they were to ride. For their Ladies and Gentlewomen (even those that were of the most great and honourable houses) they little knew what belonged to this frizling, and this curling of haire: and for this lowlie commoditie of periwigs, they were not knowne to the Ladies of *Ireland*, they were not acquainted with these curling sticks, setting sticks, smoothing yrons, they knew not what to make of a *Picadilly*, they neither vsed pouldring nor painting stiffe, they knew not what a Coach meant, nor scarce a side saddle, till they learnt them from the *English*: The onely pride of the *Irish* was in hospitality and good-house-keeping, in spending amongst their fellowes, and giuing entertainment. He that was a Countryman (even of the meanest sort) would haue beene ashamed to sell either corne, cattell, or any manner of victuall, but to spend it in his house. Of all imputations, they could not indure to be reputed for churles, they thought it a greater defamation to be called a Churle, then to be called a Traytor.

But it is our *English* brauery, that hath eaten vp our *Irelands* hospitality; for Pride and Hospitality could never yet dwell together vnder one roofe. It is *Pride* that hath expelled Charity, it hath conuerted our frugalitie into misery, our plenty into penury: they haue learned of the *English*, to break vp house-keeping, to racke their rents, to oppresse their Tenants, and all to maintaine pride.

If I should speake of the enormitie in a particular manner, that within this sixteene or twenty yecres hath bin hatched vp in *Ireland* together with this pride, my wits would not

not serue me to set them downe as they deserve; I will therefore imitate the Painter, that was to figure forth the picture of the sorrowfull *Agamemnon*, who wanting skill to expresse the dolorous aspect of his heavy countenance, drew a vaile ouer his face, leauing it to the discretion of the beholder, to conceiue by imagination of that greefe, which himselfe was not able with his pensill to manifest.

We haue for these many yeeres, by a most gracious government, enjoyed the fruits of a most happy & quiet peace: but according to an old obseruation, Peace brings plenty, Plenty brings pride, and Pride in the end is it that brings in penury.

I will now a little accompany the *Irish* to giue the *Hubbub* with them that do merrily laugh, to see some women that are but lately dropt out of an Ale-house; some that are but new crept out of a Laundry; and some that were scarce able to pay for the hyre of a Carriers horse, to bring them from London to Chester, that are now pranked vp in that pomp, in that pride, in that brauery, and do take that state vpon them, that we are not able to know those Ladies & Gentle-women, neither *English* nor *Irish* that are of honorable estate, both by birth and calling, from these proud and new vpstart changelings, that never knew what Gentry ment, neither themselves, nor their mothers before them: we cannot know the worthy from the vnworthy, the woman of vndetected life, from hir that hath bin tainted: the best marke is, she that by birth was most base, will shew her selfe to be most proud; and she that hath greatest cause to blush, will shew her selfe be most bold and presumptuous; he that hath but one eye may see this, it is visible to euery understanding.

They be these that have filled *Ireland* so full of new fashions, by their strange alterations in their Ruffes, in their Cuffs, in their husses, in their pusses, in their muffes, and in many other vanities, that *Ireland* was never acquainted withall, till these women brought them vp.

Hee that should haue come to a Lady in *Ireland*, but some five or six yeeres sithence, and haue asked her if shee would haue had a *Shiparowne*, shee would haue thought

he had spoken bawdy, and would haue wondred what hee had meant.

They are now conuersant to euery Chamber-maide, and shee that came but lately out of a kitchin, if her Husband doth beare an office (how meane soever) if she be not fured in her *Shaparowne*, in her loose hanging gowne, in her petticoates of sattin, yea and of veluet, that must be garded with siluer or gold lace, from the knee downe to the foote, her Husband may happen to heare of it, and (peraduenture) to fare the worse till she be prouided: for at euery meale shee will giue him so many pout-pasties, and carpe pies, that shee will make him weary of his life.

The Peacocke when he marcheth in his maiestie, setting vp his glorions taile to behold his owne beaury, yet in his greatest pride and presumption, when hee beholdeith his blacke feete, he plucketh downe his plumes with shame and disgrace: but our Ladies and Gentlewomen haue well enough prouided that their blacke feete shall neuer offend them, and therefore they doe weare shooes of all manner of colours: yet when they be in their greatest prime of pride, if they would but looke backe into their own pedigree, they would come tumbling downe with *Icarus*, from the height of their presumption.

But his Maiestie full little knowes what harme he doth to poore women, when he makes them Ladies: Alas for pitty, a woman is no sooner Ladified, but she hath lost the vse of her legges for euer after; she is presently become so lame and decrepit, that she cannot go to Church if she haue not a Coach: And then the good Knight her * Husband (vpon meere loue and pitty) either begges from the King, or proules from the Countrey, to helpe to maintaine his poore lame legg'd Lady. But I am glad yet that I haue some good newes to impart amongst our Ladies and Gentlewomen of *Ireland*, and they shall haue them, as I heard them, be they true or false, and thus they follow.

There was now lately, and now but very lately, amongst some other warlike prouisions that were sent out of *England* into *Ireland* for his Maiesties store, there passed alongst the streets

* Sir Timothy
Twirlepipe.

streets of Dublyn towards the Castle, three carts together laden only with shouels and spades, which a yong Gentleman espying, called to another that was likewise standing fast by, & demanded of him, to what vse so many shouels & spades might be employed, which he thought were enough, if they meant to digge an high way downe to Hell: Nay (said the other) there is another maner of imployment for them then you speak of; for it is intended there shall be a faire Coach-way made to Heauen, that is now so ouer-growne & choked vp, that there bath not a Coach passed that way, since Eliab rode thither in his fiery Chariot, but now there is some hope the way will be mended. I thought the iest somewhat profane, yet the newes would be a great ease for Ladies and Gentlewomen, that are growne so lame, that they cannot trauell on foot, that so they might go to Heauen as easily as they do vse to ride to Church.

I might speake of some other vices, the rather exceeding amongst the *Irish*, by the ill example of the *English*: And although the *Irish* haue vices enow of their owne, they need no encouragement to sin, yet *Ireland* for these many yeares hath bin the receptacle for our *English* runnagates, that for their mis-led liues in *England*, do come running over into *Ireland*, some for murther, some for theft, some that haue spent themselves in ryot & excelle, are driuen ouer for debt, some come running ouer with other mens goods, some with other mens wives, but a great number now lately, that are more hurtfull then all the rest, and those be Recusants.

And for people that be of these dispositions, *Ireland* hath little need to be supplied from any place, that is so well replenished with it owne store, that it is better able to lend to others, then needfull to borrow of any. But amongst these gracelesse men, there haue bin as vngacious and wicked women, that when by their misled liues, they haue infamed and made themselves so notorious, that they were become odious to all honest company in *England*, haue then transported themselves into *Ireland*, where they haue so insiduated themselves amongst our Ladies and Gentlewomen, and not so much with the *Irish*, but most especially with the *English*,

and that amongst our gayest Ladies, by whom they were so entertained, graced, and countenanced, that those women that had liued before in good name and fame, and finding themselves to be but slightly regarded, thought it more wisdom to forget their former modestie, and for companies sake to follow the fashion.

If I should now speake of the periury of *Ireland*, they would goe neere to giue me the *Hubhub*, and to laugh heartily at me, that would seeme to find a fault at that, which they doe account to be neither sinne nor shame. And to speake truly, what account should they make of an oath, that haue so many Massing Preists at hand, that will dispense with more oathes in one houre, then a man is able to sweare in a whole afternoone.

Periury, old Ale, and Aqua-vite, are three commodities that be of great antiquitie in *Ireland*, but especially amongst the multitude of those that they call Catholikes: for *Periury* and *Popery* are so linked and consorted together, that they are as kinde, and as neere allied as *Drunkenesse* and *Lechery*, the one cannot stand without the assistance of the other, they be Coadiutors, not to be separated. A damnable Religion this *Popery*, that still cryes out, *Sweare, forswear, hold no faith, keep no promise, play the Traitor, eat vp thy God, murder thy King, kill, stab, poyson, massacre, burne, torture, torment, saw in sunder, blow vp with Gunpowder*: what act so villanous, so diuelish, or so damnable, that a Papist will not enterprise in the seruice of his *Pope*? But our poore Papists of *Ireland*, haue learned the *Colliers Faith*, that being examined of his beleefe, answered still, *That be beleeved as the Churcb beleeveth*, that could not say truly that the Church was, nor knew not any one Article that is beleeved. So they say they beleue as their Fathers beleue before them; now what beleefe that is I will speake truly: They beleue the whole story of the *Bible*, they beleue that Christ was the Sonne of God, that he was borne of the Virgin *Mary*, they beleue all the miracles whilst he was vpon earth, they beleue that he was crucified vpon the *Crosse*, & they beleue the whole story both of the *old and new Testaments*; but

What filthy forsworne Rascall will not be a Papist, that what euer sinne he doth may be forgiven?

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they doe not beleue that all Christ did and suffered, was e-
nough for their saluation, but that they must merit that by
their owne good workes, by going on pilgrimage, by praying
to Saints, and when they are dead by suffering in Purgatory.
They doe not beleue that Christ who came of purpose to
saue the world, did perfect the worke he came for, but that
he left it to a Massing Preist, to finish that which he himselfe
had but begun.

So the Papists haue a stony Faith, but they haue no sauing
Faith, nor no beleefe to do them good: that which the A-
postle hath protested to be the doctrine of Diuels, *1 Tim. 4.*
that they imbrace for the doctrine of Faith; we maintaine
nothing, but what the Scriptures plainly approue, the Popes
thred bare assertion is enough for a Papist.

If we alledge Scriptures, they quarrell aswell with the
Translation, as with the Interpretation: if we alledge Coun-
cels, they aske if the Pope haue allowed them: if we alledge
Fathers, if they speake against the Pope, they reiect them:
but alledge the Popes determinations (though never so
much repugnant to the truth) there they sticke like resty
lades, they will not be drawne out of that durty puddle: the
summe of their Religion consisteth in the trash of vnwritten
verities, and the whole dependencie of their Faith, in this
onely principle, *That the Pope cannot erre.*

Under the prouince of Peters keyes, the Pope brings in
pick-locks, and leauing to enter by Christ that is the doore,
he giues his Popelings scaling ladders, Bulls of *Scala Cœli*, to
scale the walls of Heauen, and like a company of theues, to
breake in at by-corners, and not to enter by the doore. Our
Popelings of *Ireland* will needs protest themselues to be the
Kings louing Scyp-jacks (Subjects I should say) but to speak
the truth, they are more like Scyp-jacks then Subjects, that
do entertaine and receive into their houses, Preists, Fryers,
Iesuites, and such other of the Popes vermine, that are well
knowne to be the Kings vowed and protested enemies: do
they not manifest themselues to be reconciled to the Pope,
that will obstinately impugne his Maiesties Lawes? that will
not submit with Christ to giue Cæsar his due? they may

sometimes in publique shew pray for the King, but they are priuily plotting and working for their Pope.

Well Virtue, I would thou couldest now and then be a little cholericke, and not to suffer thy clemency to be wronged more then enough, and for these dissembling hypocrites that do presume too farre, if thou canst not win their hearts, it were good thou wouldest rule their tongues.

Although I haue thus spoken of *Ireland* in generall, yet *Ireland* is as al other Countries be, good people amongst the bad, and his Maiesy hath as louing and as good Subiects of the *Irish*, as any he hath in *England*, or else-where: Now among these that be good, if there be a number that be hollow hearted, it is no maruell: for neuer shall Christian Princes haue loyall Subiects, where Massing Preists are suffered to lurke in their Dominions: And in *Ireland* our Women Catholikes (for want of Apricocks) do preferue Preists, Friars, and Iesuites, and keep them in their Closets.

The wiues they for the Popes Cockereels are well enough knowne to be of an excellent straine for breed, where they be well cherisched, and much made of. A massing Preist is such a med.cine in a mans house that hath a child-bearing woman to his wife, that where they be retained to lyelydgers, it is ten pound to ten pence oddes, that the good Wife, or Lady, or Gentlewoman (or whatsoere she be) will proue fertile, her Husband shall want no heires. I will conclude with this caueat to my good freinds: He that will eat egges on Friday, he that will goe to Church on Sunday, he that will say his *Pater-noster* in English, he that will sing *Danids Psalms* at a Sermon, he that will sweare to the Kings Supremacie, let him dwell where he will in any part of *Ireland*, he shall be sure to be ill neigboured.

I haue hitherto sported at the abuses of the time, and made my selfe merry with the follies of this Age. I might yet speake of many other vanities that deserue the *Hubbub*, and to be well laughed at; but I will here stop and lay a straw, for I know all that I can either doe or say is to no purpose: I do but make the world mine enemy; for he that speaketh against sinne in this age, either they mocke at him, or they thinke

thinke him madde: Every Drunkard, euery Whoremaster, euery Blasphemer, euery Tobacconist, euery Idolater, they are angry with him that doth reprooue them. O damnable world! we dare not reprehend sinne, for offending of thole that are but the very slaves of sinne. Wee doe liue as if there were no God, or at least, as if wee had no soules to sauue, and wee are so lulid & sleepe in the cradle of security, that neither admonition or threatening will serue to awaken vs. Wee be like sicke persons that are brought so weake and feeble, that we can neither sauour nor digest any thing that is good.

Vice which now aboundereth in the greatest measure, wee acknowledge in the least; but the lesse it is thrust out, the more it eateth and festereth within. A gentle potion worketh but a weake effect in a strong body; and it is with sinne as it is with sores, some cannot be cured without corasives. He is but an vntidy Chyrurgian therefore, that will apply a gentle salve to a cankred sore. We are grown to the very height of all kind of impiety, and sinne is become to be so supreme, that it thinketh scorne to be reprehended.

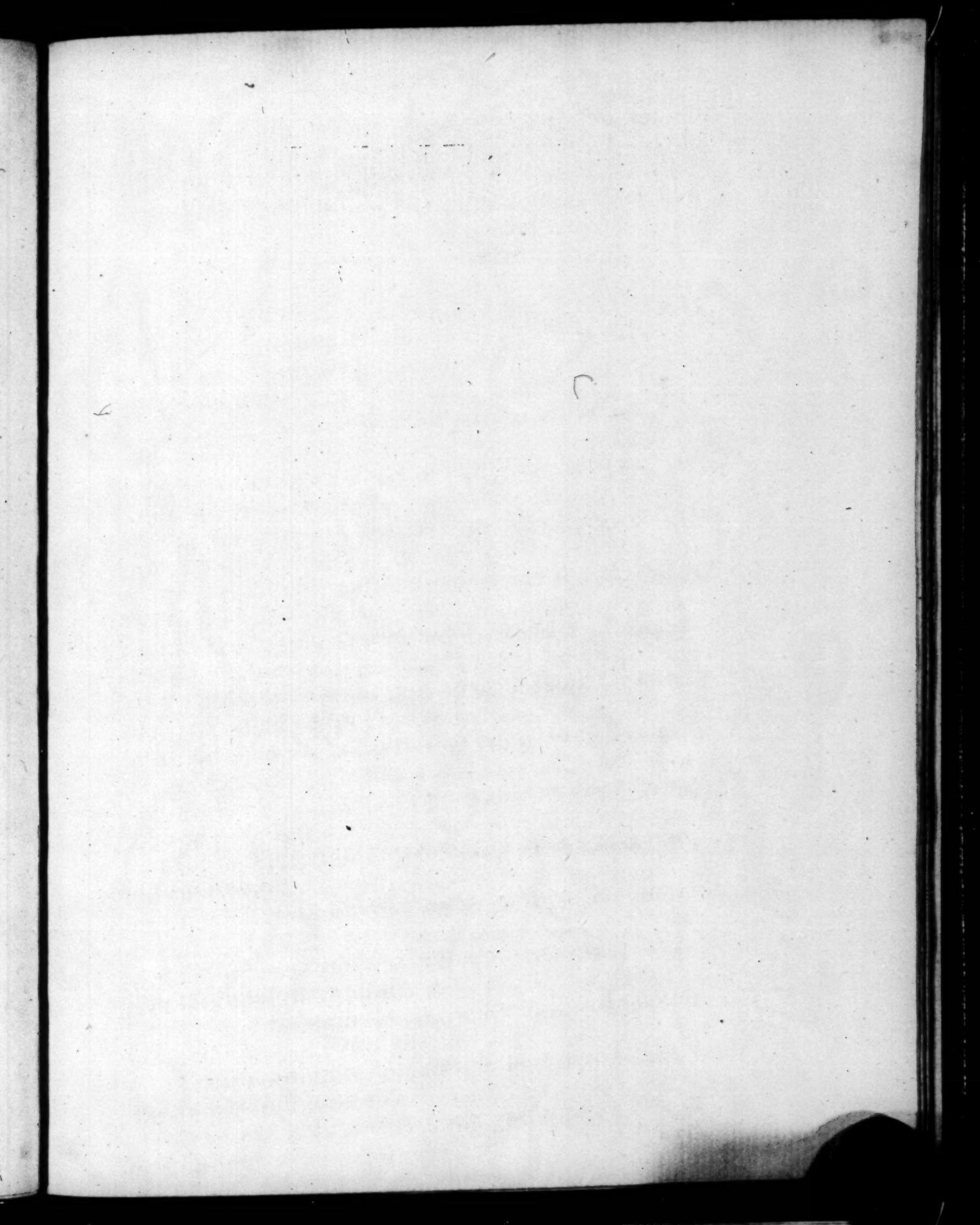
But take this from mee, thou that art so farre spent, that thou liuest in voluptuous idlenesse, and hast no care of thy saluation, thou that cryest peace, peace, and hast God to bee thine enemy, that is the Author of peace, whn hath proclaimed open warre against thy pride, against thy periury, against thy excesses, ~~and~~ against thy vanity, against thy briberie, against thy couetousnes; thou that art entred into a league with these and many other vices, and hast broken the truce that was betweene God and thee; thou that hast no feeling of thy sinne, but that thou wilt still perseuer in thine abominations, thinketh thy selfe to be depriued of grace, and take it for a signe that thy sinnes are ripe, and thy confusion is not farre off, but that Gods vengeance doth wait and attend thee with such plagues and punishments, as shall make thy hardened heart to tremble. Hee that hath not the feeling of his sinnes, must feele himselfe to bee a reprobate secluded from Grace and Mercy; for amongst the manifold mercies of God, there is not a more singular mercy, then when hee makes vs to feele our owne faults, whereby we are drawn to

repentance, and by repentance brought to mercy. Hee that hath not this feeling, shall feele the iudgements of God: for hee that feeleth not his mercy, shall be sure to feele his justice.

And doest not thou tremble to thinke of his vengeance? Hee that can wrap vp the heauens like a parchment scowle: hee that can make the clouds raine downe plagues: hee that can make vs to refraine our meat, our drinke, our sleepe: hee that hath the Heauens, the Earth, the Elements, and all to fight vnder his Banner, is hee not to bee feared? hath hee not plagues in store (thinkest thou) and not onely to afflict thee in this world, but in the world to come, to adde the encrease of an endlesse and euerlasting woe?

I thinke of my conscience, our Gallants of this age are growne into that humor, they thinke it time enough to hearken vnto God when their climaictericall yeere is past; but if neither the admonitions that are daily giuen vs by godly Preachers, the threatnings denounced against sinne by the holy Scriptures, the loue of God, the feare the Diuell, the ioyes of Heauen, the paines of Hell; if none of these can moue vs to repentance, giue the Diuell his due, for he hath done his deuoure, he hath brought the world to a good passe, he may now sit downe and rest him, and hee may cry with the Angler: *Hold booke and line, and all is mine.*

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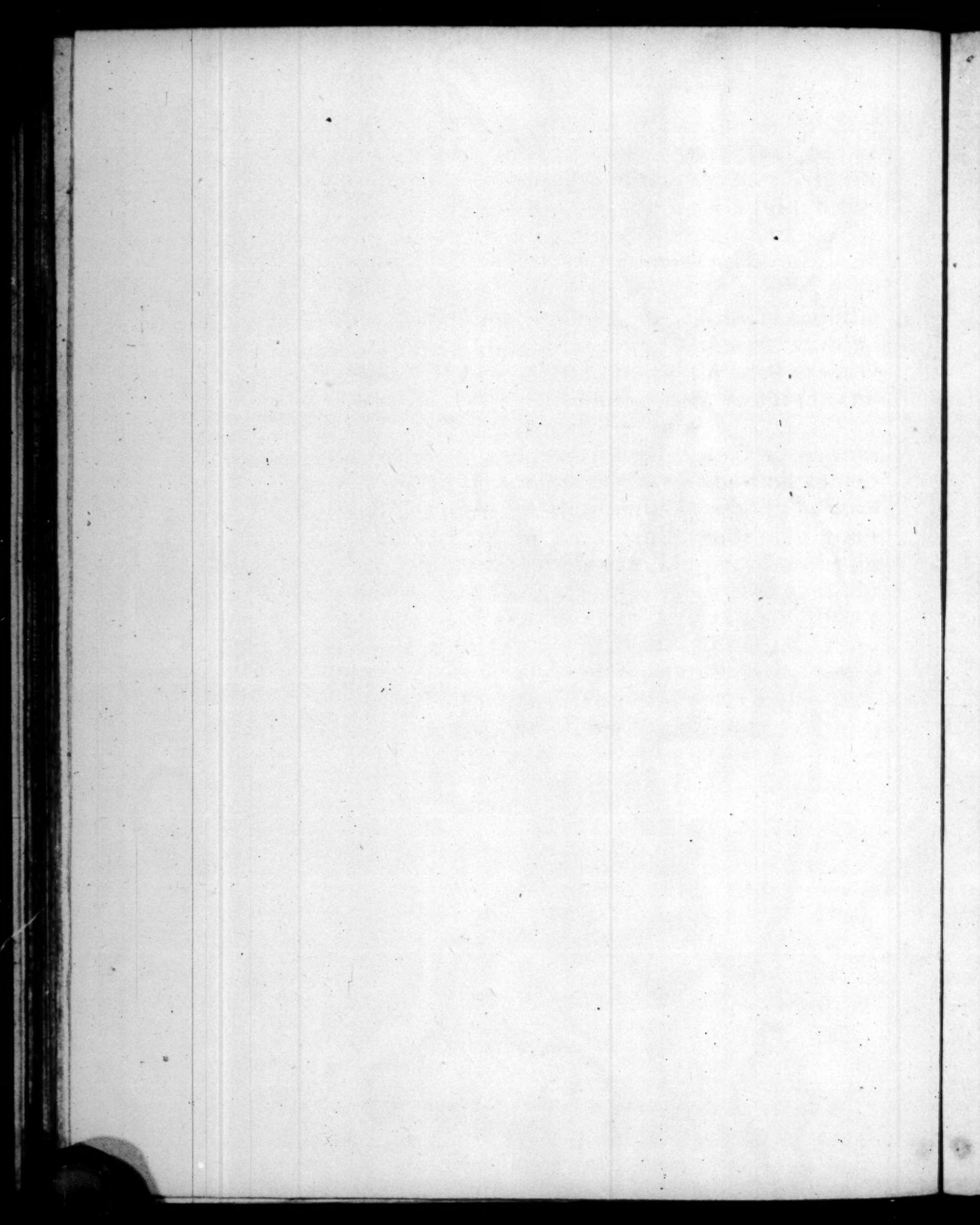
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A Water-man goes backward with the world, and as his living lies right before him.

A Fletcher is a foole without a goode, for he cannot work without her feathers.

A Bow-maker is the care of the horne, for if hee doth not nocke well, his string will not lie leuell.

A Tinker is a stopper of holes, but if his tooles be nought, he cannot worke kindly.

A Cobler deales alwayes with All, for without All, he is nothing.

A Drunkard is a kinde of Noune Adiectiue, for he cannot stand alone without help.

A Brewer is the Chymist of male, for he drawes his spirit to a great height.

A Foot-man is the figure of Mercutio, for he goes as if hee had wings on his heeles.

A Coward is the shame of nature, for he will be afraid of a woman in the darke.

A Saylor is a sea-rider, but if his horse stumble on a rocke, hee may haue never to runne on land.

An Viper is the Serpent with long teeth, for hee will ent into a vipers Lordship.

A Puffe-maker hath the aduantage of the Law, for he may cut a purse without controlment.

A Breaker is a money hackney, for he will trot all day long for his hire.

A Iester is the venom of wit, for he studieth the knave, but to cozen the foole.

There is no creature so like a man, as an Ape, except a woman; for she will be his counterfeite to a haire.

A Wife is the danger of if, for if she be not good, woe bee to her husband.

A Mayd is the blush of nature, because she wants the delight of reason.

A Widow is the consumption of loue, for nothing will help her but a new husband.

A wanton wench is of the nature of a Trowe, for it loues alwaies to be tickled.

